

May 11, 09 Chapter Meeting

MILTON HERSHEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HOMESTEAD CHAPTER

Minutes of May 11, 2009 General Membership Meeting
(in the basement of the Dearden House)

President Ralph Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Ralph introduced the evening's speaker, MHS President John O'Brien.

President O'Brien's presentation addressed three topics, The State of the School, the Impact of the Economy and the Pending Change of Leadership. The State of the School was based upon a 2005 Power Point slide presentation of the leadership's five-year vision for the School. The items in their 2005 Vision were very close to where the School currently stands. The Economic Impact has caused the School to take a thorough look into "What is essential" versus "What is nice to have." In regards to the change of leadership, the Board of Trustees' Consulting company is to present their recommended five candidates to the Board's Selection Committee by May 20th. The Committee will interview them and make a selection for announcement by mid June. In response to a question, President O'Brien stated that he has had minimum input in the selection procedure. He did encourage the Alumni to express their viewpoints to the Board of Trustees.

Following a short break, the meeting continued with the Officers Reports:

President's Report - Ralph Griffith requested that everyone planning to attend the August Spaghetti Dinner should sign up on the sheet circulating. He also stated that in conjunction with the \$1,000 for single night lodging for needy families of seniors which the Chapter approved at the April meeting, the Chapter is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for some senior's family members attending graduation.

The School's Movie Night is still scheduled for June 19th but it will be relocated from the football field. We will keep you informed as we get revised information.

The Steak Fry will be held Saturday, the 16th, at the Purcell Friendship Hall at 5 PM. We are still looking for Auction Items. Our Awards recipients will be in attendance at the Steak Fry. The Alumni Awards Brunch will be held on Sunday, the 17th.

The School has ask the Alumni Chapters to participate in the August 16th Community Service events by selecting and performing specific service projects. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Secretary's Report - Chester Rose read the minutes of the April 13th meeting. James Gould motioned the approval of the minutes, which was seconded by Jerry Gaughan. The membership approved the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report - James Gibbs' reported that the treasury consisted of \$32 in the Petty Cash

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Fund, \$7,822 in the Checking Account and \$10,114 in the Savings Account for a total of \$17,968. This includes the \$976 proceeds from the Parents' Weekend Spartanwear sale.

Vice President's Report - Shannon Coughlin was absent.

Chapter Representative - Charles Dodson stated that there was no MHSAA Board meeting since the last Chapter meeting. The next meeting will be before the Alumni Awards Brunch on Sunday, the 17th.

Past President - John O'Toole was absent.

Committee Reports:

Food Service - Jim Gibbs stated that the May breakfast had forty paid and nine from a student home. The breakfasts will continue on the first Saturday of each month through the summer. Red Patterson and Bill Parks ask if the profits from the breakfasts are still going to the Cancer Society for Chloe. There was a difference of opinion as to what should be donated- the Breakfast Profits or only donations collected at the Breakfasts. (Later research revealed in the November 2008 meeting minutes that what was voted on and approved was the donations and the Chapter's share of the 50/50 should be donated for Chloe). Charles Dodson suggested that people attending the Breakfasts take the opportunity to visit the Deardon House restoration upstairs.

Communications Committee-Chris Cook had no report..

Interchapter - Ruth Holp, for the Honorary Alumni, had no report.

John Hanawalt reported that the Harrisburg Chapter has relocated their meeting place to the VFW at 6611 Evelyn St in Harrisburg (behind the Wal-Mart).

Old Business:

The two Agenda items of Movie Night and Chapter Steak Fry have been covered.

New Business:

There will be no meetings in June or July. We will start the next year with the traditional Spaghetti Dinner for Chapter members in place of the August meeting. It will be on the second Monday of August (the 10th).

The next Breakfast will be on June 6th.

Jim Gibbs raised the question of a donation to the MHSAA Golf Tournament to be held May 20th. Last year the Chapter donated \$300 to the Tournament and Jim made a motion that we give

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the same amount again this year. The motion was seconded by Jim Gould. The motion was approved. Jim Gould also requested that members donate their excess golf equipment to the Tournament for the First Tee Program.

Dick Shadel gave a brief run down on the events currently scheduled for Homecoming Weekend in September. On Friday, in addition to the Friday Nite Fling, there will be an event for the younger group. On Saturday, there will be a separate room at the Lodge for the Glee Club and the Jazz Singer (a graduate) in addition to the various class rooms. On Sunday, the Park will be open to pre-registered Alumni and guests, with a brunch at Frontier Land and a 1:00PM Birthday Party in the Arena.

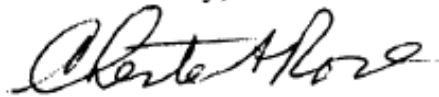
Upcoming events:

The next Breakfast will be on June 6th.

The next Chapter Meeting will be on September 14th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM..

Submitted By,



Chester A. Rose

Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Ralph Griffith, '58	Chester Rose, '59	Jim Gibbs, '63
Charles Dodson, '50	Glenn Alexander, '67	Jerry Gaughan, '50
David 'Red' Patterson, '50	Mike Mulderig, '71	Don Chappell, '70
Don Smith, '52	Tom Keck, '66	Andy Batdorf, '44
Bob Patton, '56	Fred Bowser, '56	John B Bowser, '59
Christine Cook, '81	Richard L Shadel, '54	John Hanawalt, '70
Jim Gould, '63	Ted Shelly, '60	Bill Rickimer, '50
Bob Bettleyon, '50	Lew Mervine	Ruth Holp, HM
Bill Parks, '59	Polly Shadel, HM	Dave Bowser, '57