

Sep 14, 09 Chapter Meeting

MILTON HERSHEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HOMESTEAD CHAPTER

Minutes of September 14, 2009 General Membership Meeting
(in the basement of the Deardon House)

President Ralph Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Ralph announce that Derek Rogers, '92 from the TL Program, who was the scheduled speaker, was on military deployment and may not be available. If he, or a substitute speaker, shows up, we will interrupt our proceedings for their presentation.

For the Presidents Report, Ralph reported that he participated, in June, in six Fishing Derbies for fourth graders, in the area between Founders Hall and the Copenhaver Building. He was the only alumni participant. This is an annual event for the fourth graders and they could use some more help. There were several events in that time period, i.e. the elementary track meet and the Movie Night, which were cancelled due to the Swine Flu outbreak. "The Movie Night-the Sequel" was held in July and the Harrisburg and Homestead Chapters provided the refreshments for the over one hundred YRE kids in attendance. That was a nice event for the kids.

In August, we had the Chapter Community Service project. There were ten people, on a hot day, pulling/digging/cutting weeds at the Hope Springs Farm. People who participated included Jim Gibbs, Chester Rose, Jim Gould, Ralph Griffith and wife, Fred Bowser, Tom and Cathy Chappel, plus two additional persons who we have not been able to identify. The participants agree that this is a program worthy of continued Chapter support. We will set up some future work dates and notify Chapter members. Notify Ralph if you are interested in participating.

Jim Gould requested that we ask the School for scheduled events so that we could put them on our Chapter Calender.

Last spring we discussed and approved a project to provide housing assistance to families for attendance at graduation. Ralph recommended, due to the low involvement this year, we drop this program and put the thousand dollars into expanded scholarships.

The meeting next month, October 12th, will be at the AEE Facility. This is located on the unmarked road that turns east (only east turn between Rt 322 and Crest Lane) off of Meadow Lane across from Heritage Lane. There will be a speaker from AEE and a tour of the facility.

The Culinary Students Valentine's Day Dinner will be February 10th. They are opening it up to the Chapter. Last year it was \$25 per person.

Elementary School Christmas Party will be December 2nd in the Founders Hall Dining Room at about 4:00 PM. We supply candy canes and help distribute School supplied Pizza. We also make the contact to see if Sant Claus can visit the party. There is a house parent assigned to coordinate this event.

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The Chapter Christmas Party is scheduled for December 19th at the Purcell Friendship Hall at 5:30PM. There will probably not be any student entertainment due to students departing the day before.

There has been a request that the Chapter make a contribution for the Centennial "Spartan Head" Gift.

John O'Toole has state there has been poor attendance at the last two Chapter Breakfasts. We are considering advertising on the School's Bulletin board and in the "Hummelstown Sun". There was a suggestion that we switch to the second Saturday of the month to avoid conflict with holiday weekends.

Christmas Concerts start on December 7 at twelve noon till one o'clock at the Founders Hall Rotunda. Various musical groups perform each day that week. They enjoy having an audience, so see if you can attend.

Jim Gould suggested that we select specific sporting events and have Chapter supported groups in attendance. Ralph also suggested that we get a Chapter Banner to support this and similar events. Chester Rose volunteered to investigate the cost of getting a Chapter Banner. He also suggested that we change the Newsletter heading from a picture of the Deardon House to one of the "Homestead" since we are called the Homestead Chapter and also use the same on the Banner. While there was no vote, there seemed to be consensus with the idea of using the "Homestead".

Secretary's Report-Chester Rose read the minutes of the August, 09 meeting. Bob Bettleyon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Jim Gould and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report-Jim Gibbs reported that, based upon a motion passed in the spring, he tallied the Chapter's share of the 50/50 and Breakfast donations and sent a check for \$144 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Chloe. The Chapter's financial balances are currently Checking Account-\$9,321, MMA-\$10,135, Petty Cash-\$45 for a total of \$19,501. That is after paying all of the bills including the purchase of Spartan Wear for the Homecoming Sale. The Sale was a huge success with a limited number of people working long hours. The Chapter sold Milton Hershey Centennial items for the MHSAA for which we got to keep 20% of the gross. Centennial item sales totaled \$6,008 which gives the Chapter \$1,202.60. Our Spartan Wear items sold \$12,400. We sold approximately one half of the inventory, which more than paid the purchase cost. The next Clothing Sale will be on Family Weekend Saturday, the first weekend of October.

Vice President's Report-Shannon Coughlin no report.

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Chapter Representative Report-Charles Dodson distributed the printed minutes of the MHSAA Annual Meeting at Homecoming on Saturday, September 12th.

Program Committee-John O'Toole is absent but the various programs were covered.

Finance Committee-Jim Gibbs is working with the bank to have the account addresses changed because they have been coming to 109 McCorkel Rd and the mail is getting mixed into Alumni Relations and MHSAA. He will have our mail sent to our Post Office Box. He is also investigating the possibility of an electronic credit card machine. Of over one hundred and sixty credit card sales this past weekend, only two rejected. However, the present processing includes the manual input of the card number, expiration date and purchase amount for each transaction.

Communications-Chris Cook absent.

Inter Chapter-John Hanawalt reported the Harrisburg Chapter Community Service Project worked with the Green Belt, a twenty mile loop around Harrisburg. They had forty-two people, broken into two teams who helped lay one hundred and fifty-one feet of cold blacktop macadam in the Five Senses Garden area and painted three bridges and six to seven hundred feet in the grounds of the Harrisburg Hospital. They ran out of paint and blacktop before they ran out of time. Next meeting of the Harrisburg Chapter Monday, the 21st at the Rutherford VFW. The Chapter is having a Casino Night at Hollywood Casino on Friday, October 23rd. The Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 16th.

By-Laws Committee-Jim Gould reported the committee is waiting for John Heist to publish his guidelines for Chapter By-Laws modification.

Old Business:

Prior nomination for Chapter officers, for the next year, included Shannon Coughlin for President, Michelle (Houser) Kissinger for Vice-President, Chester Rose and Harry Heath for Secretary and James Gibbs for Treasurer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during New Business and then have elections..

When John O'BRIEN was our Guest Speaker in the spring, he invited the Chapter members to tour the "Homestead". A tour was scheduled and announced but only five people showed. If you get a chance, you should take the tour and observe the way they have set up the second floor with Mr Hershey's den and bedroom. The "Homestead" is normally only open during Homecoming.

An e-mail from Dori indicates they are still looking for people to give their stories for the "Chocolate for the Milts Soul". Michelle Kissinger volunteered to ghost write for anyone who is hesitant to tell their story.

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New Business:

Elections-Jim Gibbs has been nominated for Treasurer, any other nominations for Treasurer? Motion made and seconded to close the nomination for Treasurer. Jim Gibbs was re-elected. Chester Rose and Harry Heath were nominated for Secretary. A vote was taken and Chester Rose was re-elected. A motion made and was seconded to close the nominations for Vice President and President. Michelle Kissinger and Shannon Coughlin were elected to Vice President and President respectively.

Dick Shadel made a motion to donate the Chapter's share of the Centennial item sales (\$1,200) to the Centennial "Spartan Head" Gift. The motion was seconded by Junior Via. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upcoming events:

The next Breakfast will be on October 3rd.

The next Chapter Meeting will be on October 12th at the AEE Facility.

November's guest speaker will be Mr. Garvey of the Admissions Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted By,



Chester A. Rose

Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Ralph Griffith
Chester Rose
Fred Bowser
Junior Via
Tom Keck
Gerald Balliet

Shannon Coughlin
Charles Dodson
George Golong
Jim Gould
John Hanawalt
Michelle Kissinger

Jim Gibbs
Bill Parks
Bob Bettleyon
Dick Shadel
John B. Bowser