

MHS Alumni Association
Executive Committee Meeting

April 19, 2012

Present: Ron Hamlin, president; Dawna Perkins, treasurer; Cathy Knox, secretary; Carolyn Sinclair; directory manager; Karen Clark, scholarship chair. Absent, Steve Hamlin, vice-president. Eleanor Leeman, American Auxiliary, present for agenda item re catering annual meeting banquet July 14,

AGENDA and Action

Treasurer's Report

Directories: There are many on hand and should be enough until next full directory printing.

Approximately 222 alumni pay dues

The names on the Alumni account at Maine Savings Credit Union are Dawna Perkins and Cathy Knox.

The balance in the checking account is \$1,015

The amount in the CD is \$4,005. The executive committee recommended that the CD stay at MSFCU and be rolled over to another six months or the best that Dawna can do for interest.

The savings account balance is \$2,532.

Scholarship Chair's Report

Three scholarships of \$1500 each from MHS Alumni Scholarship account will be awarded at the 2012 Penquis graduation and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded from the accounts held at MSAD 41. Currently in the account for scholarships at Maine Savings is \$2621.93 and in the CD account at Maine Savings there is \$6049.68. Past history shows that alumni members donate to the scholarship fund when the annual letter goes out and Karen and Dawna agreed that the Alumni will meet the required amount of the increase from three \$1000 to three \$1500 scholarships. *The treasurer receives the scholarship money and deposits that money to Scholarship Account. The Scholarship Chair withdraws the money via a check made out to MSAD #41 for the MHS scholarships* for the scholarships that are given at start of recipients' second semester of freshman college year. Karen presented a photocopy of a corporate check from Maine Savings dated January 10, 2012 in the amount of \$3,000 to MSAD 41 with notation "RE: Milo High School Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Students selected to receive a MHS Alumni Scholarship are selected by a committee and must have at least an 85 GPA and proof of direct lineage to a MSH alumni.

Karen shared a thank you letter written from Danielle Newman, eloquently written, in thanks for her Alumni Scholarship. She attends University of Maine Farmington.

Directory Chair's Report

Carolyn agreed to remain directory chair unless the directory is to be on-line because that would require a different set of skills. The executive committee agreed that the directory will remain a print item and not be on-line. A supplement to the 2010 directory is offered free by mail or at the July annual banquet. Since there are not substantial revisions to the by-laws, the 2012 supplement will not include the revisions. The 2015 Alumni Directory will include any changes to the by-laws.

Old Business

After School Project

Cathy requested information from Barbara Baker from Cooperative Extension, who conducts the afterschool program, about who attends, sessions/topics provided to students, and other sources of income. Barbara responded via email that a report will be provided. To date the report has not been received.

New Business

2012 Directory Supplement

Cut-off date for revisions and additional information such as telephone number, email address, address changes is June 29 and will be mentioned in annual Alumni letter. Carolyn Sinclair, directory chair, will receive and make changes for the supplement. Seth Barden provides Carolyn an updated list of names of deceased alumni for the past year but she has not yet received the list.

Cathy will purchase a ream of paper and make 200 copies of the 2012 supplement, provided to her by Carolyn, prior to the annual banquet and meeting. In the past the superintendent's office has been agreeable to copies being made there, a contribution appreciated by the MHS Alumni Association.

Banquet

Eleanor Leeman met with the committee to discuss banquet arrangements. She gave us a tentative menu which looks ample and delicious. Karen will notify the United Baptist Church of the date and time of the banquet in the event that a back-up kitchen is needed for an emergency such as electrical failure that affects the Town Hall and not the church. Banquet tickets will be sold only by the Alumni Association with only a few tickets available at the door as most are ordered in advance. The table arrangements were discussed and agreed upon for the buffet. Cathy will finalize the plans with the town office that now has a form that must be completed as part of the reservation process. She will ask if the Town Office will prefer to charge per item such as for the microphone set up or receive a \$50 donation from the Alumni Association. She will check to see if Blaine does the table and chair set up and inform

Eleanor of that outcome. If Blaine doesn't do the setup the auxiliary will set up as they did last year. Any additional expenses, such as for table flowers, will be reimbursed to the auxiliary by the Association.

The cost per person for the buffet will again be \$14.00 with \$2.00 of the cost being underwritten by the Alumni Association and full \$14.00 paid to the Legion Auxiliary. Low background music will play.

The reception, which draws more people now that the banquet and buffet is at noon, will be hosted by Nancy Hamlin Ehrlenbach and Bob and Tanya Morrill Ellison from 10:00 to noon at the Town Hall dining room. Expenses will this year be covered by the Alumni Association.

Changes this year: the doors to the banquet are will be closed at the start of the buffet preventing any walk-ins. Ron will announce that the tables will be directed as to their turn to the buffet by an auxiliary member to have an orderly flow of people to the buffet. If people have disabilities or otherwise find it difficult to go the buffet line, they will have the opportunity to have a menu and their selections delivered to their table.

Recognition gifts of appreciation to dedicated service to the MHS Alumni Association will be given to Karen Clark, Frank Cochran, Dawna Perkins, and Lorraine Schinck.

Class Reunions

The only class known to have a reunion planned is the Class of 1962, their 50th. Attendees will gather at Pleasant Park Community Center from 3-5.

The Class of 42 and other classes as well are invited to socialize at the reception in the Town Hall Dining Room prior to the banquet.

Additional topic

The year 2015 will be the e 120th anniversary of MHS. This will be discussed and open for suggestions at Annual Meeting this year. Suggestions from the executive committee included have a 50's 60's band play, pontoon boats providing a trip up the river, a band performance at the gazebo, a banner hung above Main Street, a new directory published.

*wording provided by Karen Clark in correction to previous minutes.

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