SVHS ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2023

(Not Yet Approved Until February 13, 2023 Meeting)

The SVAA Executive Committee was called to order by a smiling Co-President David Ross. There were 16 members in attendance which included new, younger alumni-thus the reason for David and all Committee members' smiles. Attendees were: David Ross, Maria Marcoaldi, Phyllis Crone, Rock VanFossen, Sue Zanne Artzner, Wendy Loomis, John Richards, Gus Dieringer, Donna Roush, Marybeth Cordes, Elissa Prazer Welker, Julie Freday, Nancy Black and Charlene Stelluto. Dave Reicosky and Janine Garber participated via teleconferencing. Superintendent Dave Fischer and Principal Matt Whitted were present to report on the State of the School.

Superintendent Fischer reported information which indicates our SV schools are doing very good. Ever since the new schools were built additional levies have not been requested. Keeping costs at a minimum is the goal which has been accomplished by reduction in personnel, receiving grant monies, and taking advantage of money saving promotions. Also Sandy Valley has never closed its doors due to Covid. Sandy Valley students receive a new computer which they can use at home at the 7th grade level which remains until graduation. SV students can get a college associate degree which many students take advantage. Current Principal Mr. Whitted is changing responsibilities. We thanked both for their time and dedication to our schools.

The Secretary's Report of November 14 was read with Wendy making a motion for approval and Sue Zanne seconding. Motion passed. Carol was absent but reported our checking account balance being $149.99. Carol also reported that the Dale Neisz estate is giving our SVAA a $10,000 insurance check for scholarships for a student enrolling in Engineering. His widow suggests the money be dispersed for ten years at $1,000 each year or giving $2,000 for the next five years. Rock made a motion for approval of the

Treasurer's report with Gus seconding. Motion passed and this report will be placed on file for audit.
Marie mentioned that a fundraiser dinner is being planned by the teachers for Brenda Schreffler, a fellow teacher who is battling cancer of the liver, etc. We were asked if we would sponsor this event. SVAA would not have to do any work as the teachers would handle all the details of this event. We had planned to approve a motion until Janine advised that SVAA may be in jeopardy of losing our 501(c)(3) status by doing so. A motion was made by Wendy, seconded by Dave Reicosky to table this until further investigation was made. This motion passed.

Unfinished Business

The Mission Statement was to be read by Nancy Neisel who was absent. We will publish our statement permanently on the school's webpage.
Phyllis reported that to date over $2,000 in raffle ticket sales have been made. Winners will be picked at the February 7, 2023 basketball game.
Wendy and Phyllis indicated that the honored class of 1973 is on target. Wendy is to sending her classmates updated information. There were 7 members of the Class of 1973 who attended the basketball recognition game.
Karen was absent tonight but sent information asking for all to turn in their profile questionnaires. She stated Marie has extra questionnaires if needed. She also indicated she will soon reach out to the printers regarding our Newsletter.
Discussion was held regarding a caterer for our Scholarship Banquet. Since all were very satisfied with the food provided last year by The Nest Sue Zanne made a motion with Wendy seconding to have The Nest be our caterer again this year. Motion was passed. Charlene will advise Ben and will have Ben contact Marie for any school question details he may need.

New Business

Committee reports were as follows:

Honored Classes Committee: Wendy is sending her Class of 1973 classmates a letter explaining their honored class will work to support a scholarship.
Endowment Committee: Charlene reported that the Endowment Committee will meet with Sarchione Ford in the next month to discuss the possibility of raffling a new car.
Scholarship Committee: David Ross announced that his Scholarship Committee will be meeting in March to select their choices.
WOF Committee: Rock stated that the WOF Committee has received one application to date. The information is published in our Alumni webpage as well as the school's page. The deadline for applying is March 1.
Address Committee: Nancy said she has been busy updating our date base with address changes and other needed changes.
Under other new business Dave Reicosky suggested we send a letter of support to Mr. Fischer for his excellent update on the State of our Schools.
Dave also thought we should be using more social media to pursue involvement with our younger alumni.
John Richards also recommended that better communications to our alumni is needed. Too many of our alumni do not know we exist.
Elissa stated that her position at Walsh University as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations may help us to network, use digit technology to sell our raffle tickets, etc. She can work with Karen to enhance our FaceBook page.

Our next meeting will be held on February 13, 2023 at 6:00p.
Rock made a motion to adjourn and John seconded.

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Charlene Stelluto