SVHS ALUMNI MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2017
(Not Yet Approved Until March 13, 2017 Meeting

President Ronda Williams called the February 13th meeting to order. Fifteen members attended. Attendees included David Ross, Nancy Neisel, Phyllis Crone, Sarah Leyda, Chuck Faigley,Sue Zanne Artzner, Carol Toms, Nancy Black, Karen Mundy, Shelva Givins, Ronda Williams, Rock VanFossen, George May, Gloria Junkins and Charlene Stelluto. We were pleasantly surprised with Valentine cookies and candy provided by President Ronda. Thanks Ronda.

The minutes of the January 9th meeting were read. Dave made a motion with Nancy Neisel seconding to approve the minutes. Motion approved. The Treasurer's Report indicated that the current savings account balance of all accounts is $19,412.40. The checking account balance is $344.53. This report will be placed on file for audit.

Unfinished Business

President Ronda read a Thank You note from Lynn Myers of the Class of 1967 for recognizing their 50th year graduation celebration at the designated football and basketball games.

Phyllis reported on fundraising sales items consist of about 36 ball caps, 4 shirts, 2 garden flags. Possible sales of an umbrella were discussed which Phyllis will check with other school groups to determine if umbrellas are currently available for sale. Chuck is going to check if our license plate cover pattern is still on file. A decision on sales was tabled until the March meeting. Ideas for fundraising items are requested at our next meeting. Discussion was included whether the lottery tickets should be a raffle item instead of including in the silent auction.
Dave mentioned that for our larger item for raffle later in the fall could be a carved Brutus the Buckeye logo which is painted, about 3' tall, weighing about 50 lbs. It is an item most all Ohioans would love to have. This also will be discussed at our March meeting.
The Wall of Fame Committee is comprised of the following: Rock VanFossen, Sarah Leyda, Karen Mundy, Jack Sickafoose and the high school principal, currently Mr. Whitted. The term of office is 3 years. The Wall of Fame project has one application with a letter from the wife of a potential applicant asking the committee to let her know if an application was submitted for him. The letter was given to Rock for future reference.
Karen stated she checked with Mailers Choice of Tennessee about the mailing of our newsletter. She said they had not heard of us at which time we told Karen our Mailers Choice is located in Gnadenhutten, Ohio. Karen will contact our Gnadenhutten company. She further advised that the program needed to compose our annual newsletter was received by her with assistance from Sarah and Janine Herstine. She is able to navigate the program and just needs information for the newsletter.
It was decided to have the newsletter mailed around March 27. It also was motioned and approved not to send newsletters to alumni who graduated less than twenty years ago. These younger alumni are in school and very early in their adult life with a history indicating they do not attend alumni banquets at Sandy Valley. We will at this time focus on alumni who have been graduated for over twenty years.
Gloria stated she has table decorations. She also assigned committee members to businesses for the silent auction items. It is hoped the items can be received by early April.
Sarah indicated that the school is again changing their web pages. It hopefully will be more user friendly and will include a FaceBook account. It appears that FaceBook is being used more by the public currently than the web.

It was discussed that the annual banquet will recognize the 60th graduated class with special reserved seating and photos. However the emphasis of recognition will continue to be focused on the 50th graduating class and the 25th graduating class.
A Co-Treasurer nominee was discussed. George will contact Dan Stokes about possibly filling this position on our Executive Committee.

New Business

Committee chairs gave updates with Phyllis reporting on the honored classes. She stated that the Class of 1992 has "come to life." Hopefully this younger class will be actively involved in their 25th graduation celebration at our banquet. Phyllis advised that the Class of 1967 is working on their speaker and the member who will give the invocation.
Charlene reported that the Endowment Committee will meet this summer after our banquet to discuss any changes.
The Finance Board Rosann was not available but the 2016 Stark Community Foundation Endowment Fund yearly report was submitted. SVAA currently has a balance of $59,680.47 with $3,237.00 available to spend. The Class of 1959 has a balance of $11,902.84 with $1,050.00 available to spend. Nancy Neisel questioned why we are not using the money to spend to give either larger amounts of our scholarship winner(s) or give more scholarships with the $3,237.00 available. This will be discussed at our March meeting.
Shelva reported that applications are ready and have been available for SVHS seniors. It has been recommended that all of the SVAA scholarship winners be sent invitations to this year's scholarship banquet. They will be recognized and since there would not be enough time to have all speak a short update of their current position could be published in the program. These honorees will pay for their own meals. Ronda will send invitations to all 25 winners. Shelva stated that SVAA has given $23,000 over the years of 2004-2016.
Nancy Black is current with address updates. She was given a listing of the Class of 1960 for updating in our database. Helen Sickafoose of this class is planning a 57 class reunion and hopes SVAA will recognize them on their 60th anniversary.
Ronda stated that the Class of 2017 will hold their Senior Meeting on April 21. This is the time she would like a couple of our members to attend the meeting to explain our organization and request the class decide which two people will be contacts for our group. This is the meeting which also is important as seniors will decide whether SVAA can use their personal information in our database. Sarah to check with Principal Whitted to gain approval for a couple of our members to attend this meeting.
Charlene to order 200 multiple tool (tape measure/light/bottle opener/key chain) favors for this year's banquet. Other suggestions are being reviewed for future favors.

This meeting was concluded with Rock educating all with the fact that Valentine's Day is an important time for skunks – it is the beginning of their mating season. That Rock – always educating.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2017, at **6:30 p.m**.

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Rock.

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Charlene Stelluto