SVHS ALUMNI MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2017

(Not Yet Approved Until November 13, 2017 Meeting

David Ross called the October 9th meeting to order. Twenty-one members attended. Attendees included Chuck Faigley, Carol Toms, Sue Zanne Artzner, Karen Mundy, Phyllis Crone, Sarah Leyda, David Ross, Nancy Black, Nancy Neisel, Ronda Williams, Judy Scholnik Karberg, Dave Reicosky, Rock VanFossen, Jack Sickafoose, Janine Garber, George May, Gloria Junkins, David Fischer, Travis Boyd and Charlene Stelluto. Larry Williams came to the meeting later. This meeting was the first to incorporate both the monthly SVAA Executive meeting and the yearly Board of Trustees meeting into one meeting.

Nancy Neisel gave the SVAA Mission Statement after David welcomed all. The Recording Secretary minutes of the September 11th meeting were read. Janine made a motion with Rock seconding to approve the minutes with a correction. Motion approved. The Financial Status Report by George May stated that a spreadsheet would no longer be completed by his office. A replacement is needed to replace Valerie and prepare a spreadsheet. The Treasurer's Report indicated that the current savings account balance of all accounts is $20,353.43. The checking account balance is $236.32. Carol reported to have sufficient funding in the SV fund she withdrew $27.28 from the SV Class Challenge Fund. This report will be placed on file for audit. In a motion Jack approved the Treasurer's report with Dave Reicosky seconding. Motion approved.

Reports were given by Committee Chairs. Janine reported the Stark Community Foundation Endowment Fund currently has $69,226.40 with $$5,533 available to spend.
Shelva was not available but the Scholarship Committee is waiting until the first of the year to review applications. SVAA presented three $1,000 scholarships this year and two classes gave another $2,000 to deserving SVHS seniors. Two other classes decided to wait until 2018 to present their scholarships.
Accomplishments for the year were read by Charlene.
Commitments and Contributions were reported by David Ross. Brutus the Buckeye logo is being raffled off on December 22. It is hoped that Brutus will bring $1,000.
Phyllis reported that $510 was raised on the lottery raffle at the Football Homecoming game. She stated these raffles are very popular and perhaps more such raffles will be done. She said the Class of 1968 had 21 class members attend the football Homecoming game.
Travis said the December 22 Alumni Basketball night is on track. Meet the Teams will be done and he said that prepayment for shirts, etc. will be done this year. Contests are also being planned such as 3-point contests, foul contests, etc.
Rock told all that the John Hothem family (5 members) attended the Scholarship Banquet as John, who is deceased, was the recipient of the Alumni Hall of Fame. Rock further advised that the WOF plaques will be displayed in the Media Center hallway.

Supt. Fischer addressed attendees. He began to say how proud Sandy Valley is to have Jill Williams being inducted into the Ohio HOF. She joins other Cardinal coaches Luke Iser and Ed Lidderdale. There will be a piano dedication recital on Nov. 9 at the SVHS Performing Arts Hall. The school bought two new pianos for the Choir Room and in the Elementary School. All wish lists items on the original new school opening have been completed with the exception of a Y. Negotiations are still being done with local Ys. Students can earn up to 53 college credits without leaving Sandy Valley. Evening classes will be available for residents.

SV has received $750,000 for new technology. There is good student participation – 300 attended the Homecoming game. Communications are large at SV – social justice (race, religion, etc.) are addressed. There is no stigma as there are codes for lunches so no one is being singled out when using financial aids, etc. Supt. Dave thanked Dave Reicosky for the butterfly garden for the success and for thinking outside the box. This helps making SV a good brand. Things are looking good at SV. A brand new district school was built with no additional taxes again for the next five years. Rock stated Dave needs to be commended for keeping finances stable with no new taxes. It has been 15 years since new taxes which was helped by refinancing new bonds which reduced payments by two years. Supt. Dave said that parking lots asphalt was done by Milhoan who is local. They are doing this project piecemeal. SV is using the most efficient LED lights in the gym. The geothermal system is working amazingly. Also to keep costs as low as possible in-house maintenance is used as much as possible. Bleachers and wiring for light posts were done by in-house personnel. Ronda says the soccer fields are hard ground and kids are getting hurt. It was explained that the geothermal pipes go underneath the soccer fields and the fields cannot be treated to keep the ground softer. Supt. Dave says SV is applying for $250,000 grant for turf for the football field. BOE approved $500,000-$750,000 to turf our field. If the grant is approved the school will go forward with the turf. There are only 4 schools in Stark County which doesn't have turf. He also advised that SVHS is leading in our category of donating baby wipes for Hurricane Relief. Chuck Faigley stated he is impressed when visiting the Business classes at SV all were wearing ties and dressed in business attire.

Unfinished Business

Karen Mundy was applauded for streamlining our annual Newsletter. This will also be placed on our web page, FaceBook, etc. We used Mailers' Choice for mailing this year.
Class of 1965 spring garden project headed by Dave Reicosky made the Canton Repository front page. The Science class used this project and helped their trip to Mexico. Judy complemented Supt. Fischer for the LEO members who were fabulous. This project was one outside of the box which proves if one person has a passion good results can happen. This project was to save the Monarch butterflies with the planting of milk pods. Alumni and students helped with the garden. Caterpillars from the garden were used in the school's Biology lab.
Fundraising ideas of bags/totes will be discussed at the November meeting.
The question of the Class of 1967 having $775 outstanding was discussed. Phyllis will check with the class as to their wishes.

New Business

A letter of resignation from our Executive Committee from Verl Slutz was read. Travis made a motion to accept with reservations, seconded by Ronda. Motion passed. Dick Faeillo was mentioned as a replacement. David Ross will follow up and check with Dick.
A slate of officers for 2017-2018 was discussed. Janine accepted taking the Co-Treasurer position open due to Kay Weisen's resignation. George made a motion to keep the current slate of officers with the addition of Janine as Co-Treasurer. SueZanne seconded. Motion passed.

President: Ronda Wendell Williams/David Ross
Vice President: Nancy Duerr Black
Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Faiello Neisel
Recording Secretary: Charlene Black Stelluto
Co-Treasurers: Carol Toms and Janine Herstine Garber
Historian: Gloria Jean Swinehart Junkins

Committee Chairs will remain as:
Scholarship: Shelva Pack Givins
Finance: Rosanne Roberts Bennett
Stark Community Foundation: Janine Herstine Garber
Endowment: Charlene Black Stelluto
Address: Nancy Duerr Black

Ideas to get younger alumni involved with SVAA were discussed. One idea was to put a challenge in the Newsletter to bring in younger alumni.
It would be appreciated if more of our Trustees would attend our annual banquet.
Dave Reicosky stated he would like to be involved in the Executive Committee meetings via technology since he resides in Michigan.
David Ross discussed that his Class of 1961 was inspired by the results of the Class of 1959 raising $11,374 in addition to their 50th anniversary scholarships of over $10,000 which was placed in a fund at the Stark Community Foundation. Their fund has now grown to $12,800 since 2015. This will give an annual scholarship. Class of '59 president Elio Bafile (deceased) challenged Dave's class. Dave has challenged his class to raise $20,000 when they celebrate their 60th reunion so they can also invest for a perpetual yearly scholarship.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2017, at **6:00 p.m**.

Dave Reicosky moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jack.

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Charlene Stelluto