SVHS ALUMNI MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2011

Vice President Nancy Black called the January 10th meeting to order due to the absence of President Ronda Williams. In attendance were with 13 members in attendance, including Emily Provance. Attendees were Nancy Black, Carol Toms, Kay Weisen, Nancy Neisel, Shelva Givins, Betty Gordon, Carole Halter, Verl Slutz, David Ross, Suzanne Artzner (Class of 1961), Sondra Duerr and Charlene Stelluto.

The minutes of the November 8th meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by David, seconded by Sondra. Motion was approved. The Treasurer's Report indicated that the current savings account balance is $11,931.19 and $261.96 is in the checking account. We also have a CD in the amount of $5,689.28 which will mature on July 20, 2011. This report will be placed on file for audit. The books were audited by the Audit Committee, Shelva and Nancy Black in November 2010.

Unfinished Business

A total of 11 garden flags have been sold at the home basketball games. Nancy asked if we should sell the flags and shirts at the remaining 4 home basketball games. It was decided we would with the following committee members responsible for sales: January 28 – Charlene; February 8 – Verl & Carol Toms; Feb. 11 – Kay and Feb. 18 – Nancy Neisel & Carole Halter.

There were no changes to be made in the basketball recognition. There was discussion that the honorees could share more information about their life after SV. The successes that our alumni have had may be of interest to our students. Pending the snow blizzard predicted for tomorrow there is a possibility that the game will be canceled.

The Endowment Fund (EF) letters were discussed. It was suggested by committee members that:
Letter #1 (Ronda's letter) be sent by itself with a revised pledge form to all alumni who have been graduated 1 – 25 years.

Letter #2 (Elio's letter) along with the fund process list to be sent to alumni who have been graduated 25 years and greater.

Jim Myers Letter – to be mailed to alumni who have been graduated 50 years or greater.

The committee members thought it useless to mail any EF requests for larger amounts to any alumni who have been graduated 25 years or less. However, it was discussed that it is a good idea to keep all alumni involved with our efforts. Therefore it was suggested that all alumni receive an annual banquet invitation.

Since this is a lot of information to consider committee members will review all this correspondence and decide next meeting. This was tabled until next month.

We discussed postage costs and will use EF contributions for a mailing. While the cost would probably exceed $2700.00 it is possible these mailing could be mailed bulk with a return requested feature. This method would return any undeliverable mail at a cost to SVAA. Nancy Black and Charlene will check with the Post Office to determine if this method will be cost effective instead of mailing all correspondence first class.

Kay revealed that there are many local (Canton area) investors which should be consulted so we would know how to invest our EF monies. Dave indicated that we must be careful about any investor since investors work on commissions or other means of payment. We stated there are many of our alumni who specialize in investments and we should soon invite Mike Lancaster, etc. to a future meeting (perhaps March/April.) Dave shared that he read that Salem, Ohio high school started an EF about 50 years ago and has $3-4 million dollars in their fund. Carol Toms has some relatives who graduated from Salem and will contact them. Emily stated Mr. Janofa also is from the Salem area. Charlene shared the response from Roger Hegnauer of Lincoln HS Alumni that their alumni association has no EF. They collect $10 from 1500 alumni and provide scholarships to students who are related to alumni. The number of scholarships varies according to the amount received from solicitation fund. Dave will check with Plain school alumni and Charlene will continue to try to contact a Massillon HS Committee member for input.

Emily stated that she placed our garden flag on the alumni website.

Charlene has downloaded the alumni database information on a flash drive which will be kept at her house.

New Business

Scholarship Committee Chair Shelva Givins stated she gave Emily our scholarship applications. The deadline for applying is April 1, 2011.

Our next committee meeting will be held on February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Carole Halter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy Neisel.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Charlene Stelluto