

**Agenda /Minutes**

1/18/11 General Membership Meeting

Valley Forge High School

**President's Report - Linda Reik-Brown**

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shoestring Chef Competition. Great success although lightly attended. There has already been discussion about "SCC2". Written thank you letters were mailed to our judges. Thanks to Quovada Bass for all his hard work. Need to concentrate on better marketing for the next one and start earlier.

Still need a Reunion Coordinator. This person would work directly with the treasurer keeping track of money in the hands of reunion committees, arranging for reunion assistance for classes that request it, and chasing down the financial reports and databases after reunions are over. ***This person is NOT responsible for planning any class reunions. These duties can be performed by anyone out of town as well since it is all email/phone/reg mail work.***

The original plans for the alumni office within Valley Forge have not worked out the way we thought they would. After discussion, it was decided to give up the office since the school needs it more than we do and accessibility is an issue since we are limited by school days/hours. In the spring we will sell off the donated furniture and move the office. It was originally thought to be moved to my house but after further consideration I have changed my mind. It would be better for us to keep most of our stuff in the smaller office available to us at VF. But we will move supplies and records to my available spare room for easy access as soon as the snow quits.

Reunions for 2011 are just starting to be planned:

Class of '91 – 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion - Planning

Class of '81 – 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion - July 2, 2011 at German Central on York Road. E-mail [kenkuczma@hotmail.com](mailto:kenkuczma@hotmail.com)

Class of '76 – 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion - August 6 & 7, 2011

Class of '66 – 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion - Sept 24, 2011 at Pazzo's Grand Ballroom, 7874 Broadview Rd, Broadview Hts.

**Vice President Report - Russ Fischer****Treasurer's Report - Cathy Solomon**

Beginning Balance 10/1/10

Expenses -

Deposit -

Ending balance 12/31/10

Class Reunion Account:

Operating Cash

**Scholarship Report - Alan Rudolph****Publications Report/Website - Linda Reik-Brown**

Website needs a webmaster for updating; the association is still in need of assistance with an online database. Need to include Facebook logo on website.

**Hall of Fame - Bob Baisch**

2011 Hall of Fame Induction will be at commencement (6/4/11) as usual. Plans for celebrating will be decided later. It was the consensus that our organization is not active enough to support a large-scale event. We should have at least four or five inductees to have a large event.

**Database Report - Halle Dawson****Nominating Committee**

Looking for committee members and nominations for all positions.

**Membership Committee - Terry Wandt**

### ***Old Business***

- ◆ Lapel pins - \$5 each
- ◆ Cookbooks - 102 recipes have been entered online so far. The plans for publishing are next spring in order to produce a Golden Anniversary Cookbook souvenir. You can enter them online at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com). Login ID is patriots50 and the password is kade3. Be sure to include your name at graduation and the year you graduated. Linda will have ordering information at board meeting on 2/8. We should order them so they are available for sale at the July picnic/meeting.
- ◆ Election of Officers – tabled due to lack of nominating committee and slate.
- ◆ The Alumni Association is part of the Parma Heights Centennial Committee planning next year's event. The association is taking responsibility for getting the schools in Parma Heights involved...Pearl Road Elem, Parma Park Elem and VF. This can be in the form of a display, booth, or anything else we/they can come up with.

### ***New Business***

- ◆ Feb 8, 2011 – Board meeting at Arby's, West 130<sup>th</sup> and Brookpark. Need to get busy on the Shoestring Chef II event in April.
- ◆ April 13, 2011 – Shoestring Chef Competition II
- ◆ July 2011 Event – Cornhole Picnic – Terry will see if we can get two sets of cornhole boards to raffle off. We cannot expect the same person to donate them so we will offer to pay for them. Start now so raffle tickets can be sold before school lets out – maybe in March or April. Possibly hire Subrosa to play. 3 hrs costs \$400. Find out if we need a permit for that.
- ◆ August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> is the Parma Heights Centennial. Debbie will talk to the Key Club at VF to see how students can be involved.
- ◆ October 2011 Event – Alumni Trade Show? VF Golden Anniversary Celebration – Car Show (Rob Lutz?) School tours. Entertainment in auditorium....Subrosa?
- ◆ Jan meetings in the future will feature a workshop on reunion planning
- ◆ Looking for someone to be our representative with the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. We have been members a long time but have not taken advantage of our membership to our benefit.
- ◆ It was decided to figure out a way to offer a raffle of event tickets or something to draw people in to events. Maybe Byers Field tickets. We will discuss at next board meeting.
- ◆ Linda is getting prices on possibly publishing a 50<sup>th</sup> “Anniversary yearbook – have ready to start selling in June.
- ◆ We need to make better use of Cox Cable for advertising alumni events as well as the Mayor's newsletter and other city services.