

**AFTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
PLANNING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 28, 2007**

Attendees: Ernie Cutting, Wendy Doing-Poyer, Charlie Davis, Carolyn Davis, Jane Moran, Phyllis Lerwick, Oscar Lerwick, Sharon Gohl-Muserallo, Judy June, Donna Ruttkiewicz, Margery Secrest, Glenda Butts, Mary Maricle, Jan O'Shea, Brandi Scert

The meeting of the Executive Board was held at the Community Center in Afton and was called to order by Secretary, Sharon G-M at 7PM.

A motion to accept the minutes of June 5, 2007 meeting as written was made by Mary M.; 2nd by Glenda B. All were in favor.

Ernie arrived and continued to conduct the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Jane M. – The report was accepted and filed with the minutes.

Membership/Data Base Report: Charles D. – report is attached

- There are 7 lifetime members, 5 of which are Honorary.
- Class delegates are always needed.
- Compliments to Wendy for a job well done this year.
- Donor honor roll is growing
- Help is needed to get the address labels converted to a website data base to make the mailing of the newsletters easier.
- Charlie D. will be resigning at next year's alumni banquet. Someone will be needed to take his place next year.

Class Delegate Report: Wendy D-P

- Initial response to the Friday night ice breaker was low, but at least 150 people attended.
- Approx. 2400 alumni have been located.
- Wendy can now input data on website.

Newsletter; Judy J.

- Deadline for articles for newsletter is **October 1.**
- Wendy will email Judy pictures to be placed in newsletter.
- An article thanking Wendy's class for the Friday night ice breaker
- An article thanking the basket raffle donors.

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- Interview the Principal in spring before alumni banquet for an article to be placed in the newsletter.
- An article on a retired teacher should be done.
- Note in the newsletter proceeds and information on **Box Tops for Education.**
- A notice should be placed in the newsletter requesting nominations for next year's honorary member and send those requests to Wendy.

- Have Kay Vail do an article announcing she is the new treasurer.
- An article on the banquet.
- An article on previous scholarship winners.
- An article notifying alumni that old year books will be purchased and sold to those interested in buying them.
- BOCES farmed the spring newsletter out to a print company.
- Maybe a lower weight paper should be used for next printing.
- Charlie D. printed the labels. A duplicate listing of names will be done to compare with the mailings.

Old Business:

- A discussion followed on allowing children at the alumni banquet. Children would be bored with proceedings and since attendance is growing there isn't enough room.
 - A motion was made by Jane M. to have a statement in the invitation inviting the alumni and an adult guest; 2nd by Phyllis L. All were in favor.
- A discussion followed on limiting the time spent on the meeting and other presentations. Speeches should have a time limit. Continue to have Ray Decker do introductions, but limit invitation for people to speak.
- Annual report should be given at alumni banquet.
- A discussion followed on changing the format of the banquet registration table. A suggestion was made to assemble ahead of time an envelope with door prize ticket and place setting or table number and use graduation year to find alumni on list. Also, place an article in the newsletter about designating which class alumni want to be seated with. A suggestion was made not to send out post cards.
- A discussion followed on raffle theme baskets. Everyone thought the baskets went over well. A suggestion was made to start them earlier and have just as many.
- A discussion followed about eliminating the expense of a D J, since no one seemed interested in dancing.

New Business:

- Committee members were appointed and remain the same.
- Next alumni banquet will be July 12, 2008.
- Ernie suggested having a holiday mixer for alumni. This might reach out to additional alumni. There will be no charge and cash bar. Arrangements should be made now. Tentative date would be Saturday December 29 at 4PM at the Silo. Jan O will check with Gary Kurtz at the Silo to see if the date is available and report back to committee.
- There was a discussion on having a membership drive and possibly selling something advertising the association at basketball and football home games.

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Next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 6PM at the Community Center in Afton.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy; 2nd by Ernie. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Gohl-Muserallo.