

October 17, 2011

North Putnam Alumni Association Minutes

The NPAA met Monday, October 17, 2011 in the North Putnam cafeteria. Members present were: Brenda McBride, Lanna Grenard, Joanie Knapp, Larry Tippin, Terry Tippin, Dena Irwin, Pam Smith, Landon Brothers, Jennifer Hoke, Kenny Kerns, and Jana Brothers.

The minutes of the September meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. \$506.22 in checking and \$2349.31 in savings.

The slate of committee assignments were presented by Larry Tippin. Some adjustments were made to the slate. Kenny Kerns moved to accept the slate, Landon Brothers made a second, it was voted and approved. The slate is included as an addendum to these minutes.

Reports of Committees

Banquet

Pam Smith will check to see if we booked the Bainbridge Community Center for the after party of the banquet. Dena Irwin will check her list of DJ's with lights. Consideration of moving the DJ to the north end of the building was entertained and Lanna Grenard suggested we consider having a theme so that it would be easier to decorate for the after party.

Finance and Fundraising

Larry went over the expenses for the year. A copy is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Lanna suggested we make a year long calendar of events so that we are prepared for upcoming events stating that the more fundraisers we have the more exposure we get with hopefully more willingness on alumni to become members of the association. Dena suggested hitting festivals, county fairs, homecoming. If we had a laptop with the data base on it we could type in alumni information on the spot. Larry will send a calendar through email so that we can add events in our community that might be something of which we could capitalize in promoting a fundraiser.

The car bash for homecoming did not occur due to the fact that Seniors did not get the car as promised. Kenny Brewer from Bainbridge will be contacted if we try to do this again.

It was mentioned that we need to find ways to get more people involved in the fundraising effort and to do more advertising in the papers and community notes.

Kenny Kerns will check into gambling licenses.

Membership

Landon Brothers suggested we might want to send a letter to former members for renewal adding a personal note of thank you for their continued membership.

Website

New board members are now on the website. The Facebook page is not set up yet, but plans are being made to get this online very soon.

Amy Reed receives \$100 a year to keep the website updated.

It was suggested that we post donations received “in memory of”.

Larry wants to get membership online with Pay Pal. He gave information on the cost of adding this to our website. It was moved by Joanie Knapp and seconded by Dena Irwin to follow through with Pay Pal on our alumni website. The motion passed.

Larry is going to ask Amy Reed, the webmaster, how we can do a mass and or blast email so that it will not end in the junk mail of our recipients.

Scholarship Committee

No report other than it was stated that the procedures are in place for scholarship applications and awards.

Old Business

Membership Mailing

We have \$560 on hand, however, \$1000 or more was spent on mailings last year. Possibly post cards and emails will be used instead.

Brenda will send Larry an email with an attachment so that he can send it to Amy Reed to test as a blast email. It is hoped that invitations can be sent via email rather than through the postal service in an effort to save money.

Alumni Database

Larry asked if anyone was working on classes. He encouraged us to keep the database updated.

New Business

It was suggested we try to Skye out meetings so that more board members could be a part of the transactions. Terry Tippin and Dena Irwin will look into this process.

Since the next meeting falls just before Thanksgiving, it was moved and seconded to schedule the meeting for Monday, November 28, 2011.

With no further business, it was moved by Jana Brothers and seconded by Pam Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Brothers
North Putnam Alumni Association Secretary

