

September 19, 2011

North Putnam Alumni Association Minutes

The NPAA meet Monday, September 19, 2011 in the North Putnam High School Media Center. Members present were: Donna Houser, Mindy Huffman, Joanie Knapp, Lana Gerard, Terry Tippin, Dena Irwin, Jennifer Stranger, Kristie Hankins, Joanie Burch, Bill Brothers, Pam Smith, Larry Tippin, Landon Brothers, Bonnie Osborn, and Jana Brothers.

The new slate of officers were voted into office:

President – Larry Tippin

Vice President – Landon Brothers

Treasure – Joanie Burch

Secretary – Jana Brothers

Larry thanked Jason Hartman for his hard work getting the organization up and running smoothly over the last few years. Larry then gave a brief overview of the by-laws, committees, and meeting times.

A committee sign-up sheet was passed around. Next meeting the committees will meet for the first part of the meeting to get organized and discuss any new ideas for the upcoming year.

Larry listed the committees and some discussion followed:

Banquet – June 16, 2012 is the next alumni banquet. We honor classes in increments of ten years – 2012, 1992, 1982, and 1972. We will again honor distinguished alumni or people that contributed to the welfare of North Putnam.

Finance and Fund Raising – oversees how money is spent and institutes fund raising events.

Scholarship - over sees the coordination of applications, funds and recipients of the scholarships. Last year we gave five \$500 scholarships. We raised \$5000 through donations and decided to keep half of the money in the bank

so that we could fall back on it to award scholarships, if we did not raise enough to give five more this coming year. Last year there were about thirty seniors that applied for the scholarships.

Membership – how to get and keep members. It was suggested to offer free membership to the graduating class in hopes that they would renew membership for continuing years. The small membership cards could be used again if a sticker was used to put over the year.

We were encouraged to keep and update the database either at separate sessions or times set up before meetings.

The discussion concerning the expense of mailings was addressed.

Website/Technology

Concern was raised as to sending blast emails because they tend to end up in junk mail. Pam Smith stated that many alumni she talked to did not receive the emails we had sent concerning the banquet and membership.

Jennifer Stranger suggested that we send information home via students in the four schools.

Donna Huffman and Dena Irwin volunteered to head the committee to put us on Facebook and Twitter in hopes of reaching more members.

We are still looking into dealing with the fake North Putnam website.

Larry gave a breakdown of how the money was spent last year. He also thanked Russ and Vicki Evans for cleaning and organizing the band trophies.

There was discussion of how to deal the the remaining composites and creating new composites. This is something that will need to be addressed to preserve the history of the alumni.

Larry mentioned the Putnam County Foundation had approached us last year about an endowment, however, \$10,000 was needed for start up and that we did not have the funds at the time. We had decided that we wanted to be in charge of the alumni money at this time.

It was moved by Joanie Knapp and seconded by Bryce Jones to pursue bashing a car Senior Night October 7 for a fund raiser. Bonnie Osborn is

checking on the logistics of this endeavor. We are checking into whether or not we need insurance to do this fundraiser.

We are going to continue pursuing a gambling license for 50/50 drawings, etc.

Jennifer Stranger suggested doing fundraisers on Saturday morning during the youth football league.

Old Business:

Bill Brothers brought up the fact that we should continue to honor five distinguished alumni rather than reduce the number. The banquet committee will look into this recommendation.

New Business:

Joanie Knapp read a thank you from Lauren Green for her scholarship.

No bills were presented.

It was moved by Dena Irwin and seconded by Joanie Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:23.

The next meeting is Monday, October 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Brothers
Secretary