MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 1st Board Meeting of 2023 on March 14th in the Alumni Room of Madison Middle School (MMS). The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Vice-President Roy Jones (MHS '67), Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Tony Crowder (MHS '67), Pam Nimmo (MHS '72), Ron Nimmo (MHS '72) and Alicia Menees Mason (MHS '67).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of MHSAA's last meeting (October 2022). Minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that MHSAA currently has \$1979.54 in its General Fund and \$7411.86 in its Scholarship Fund.

MHSAA Scholarship Committee:

MHSAA Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour announced that the Scholarship Committee would be meeting in April to begin work on evaluating scholarship applications for 2023 (our 16th year of providing scholarships).

MHSAA has now awarded 40 scholarships during the 15 years of the scholarship program's existence. Total scholarship funds dispersed are now \$48,000.00. As of 2022, scholarships have been increased to \$2,000.00 each.

2023 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee:

MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee Chair Gale Andrews announced that Tony Crowder (MHS '67) has agreed to help him with the Golf Tournament. Tony has extensive experience organizing golf tournaments and Gale believes he will be a valuable addition to the committee. Others have also offered assistance.

The tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Hermitage Golf Course. Entrance fee is \$150.00/person. Mulligans will be sold and prizes awarded for "closest to the pin" as well as for the "putting contest." Hole sponsor signs will be sold for \$100.00/each. Roy Jones will help with this.

The Committee has asked board members to provide individual class contact lists, past tournament participant lists, etc. in order to help facilitate publicizing the tournament. Flyers, emails, social media announcements, personal calls, etc. will be used to get the word out. A committee meeting will be planned soon.

MHSAA Notice to Madison Middle School

There being some concern that materials might be taken from the Alumni Room without our permission, President Rick Pharris asked that a letter be drawn up to notify MMS Office Staff of MHSAA's policy of not allowing anyone access to the Alumni Room without a board member being present. Jerry Armour offered to write the letter and Rick will deliver it to the MMS office.

MHSAA All-Class Reunion

The board voted to have an "All Class Reunion" in Fall 2023. The reunion will be held at MMS. A tentative date has been set: Saturday, October 7th. Plans are for the Alumni Room to be open to visit.

MMS doors will be opened at 4:00 p.m. and a spaghetti supper will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:00-6:30. The Gym will be open all evening. Rick Pharris is chairman of the event.

MHSAA Website Software & Future Webmaster

Realizing that our website's software has become outdated, Wilson Stewart (DuPont High School, '56), MHSAA webmaster for the past 15 years, has advised us to consider upgrading to "Go Daddy Software." This software is used by many other alumni associations.

Being that Wilson will eventually surrender his MHSAA webmaster duties, it was also discussed that MHSAA should look to find a webmaster replacement once this occurs. We have been fortunate to have had the services of Wilson at a very reasonable fee, but realize that a new webmaster will probably run around \$1,000/year. Board members were asked to be on the lookout for another reasonably-priced webmaster. The board will continue this discussion during subsequent meetings.

MHSAA's Alumni Room Status:

President Rick Pharris will, as soon as possible, further discuss MHSAA space with the new MMS principal. MHSAA is hopeful it can obtain a larger room.

Adjournment & Announcement of MHSAA's Next Board Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. MHSAA's next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room of MMS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66), MHSAA Secretary