

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 7th Board Meeting of 2023 on October 10th in the Alumni Room at Madison Middle School. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Vice President & 2024 President-elect Ron Nimmo (MHS '70), Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Larry Odom (MHS '70), Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Pam Nimmo (MHS '73), Bob Chaffin (MHS '66), Jane (Kelley) Armour (MHS '67), and Don Deering (MHS '57).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of MHSAA's last meeting (September 12, 2023). Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

President-elect Ron Nimmo reported that MHSAA currently has \$4,794.01 in its General Fund and \$8,483.58 in its Scholarship Fund. Ron also reported All-Class Reunion proceeds of \$4,153.50, expenses of \$1,238.38, and \$730.00 in Scholarship Fund donations.

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee:

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee [Ron Nimmo, Pam (Warren) Nimmo, Gale Andrews, Jerry Armour, Bob Chaffin, and Jane (Kelley) Armour] reported a successful reunion (200+ attendees) on Saturday, October 7th. MMS doors opened at 4:30 pm, a short assembly was held in the gym from 5:00-5:30, and a barbecue dinner was served in the school cafeteria from 5:30-7:00. The entire school, including the gym and Alumni Hall, was open from 5:30 until 8:30 for all to visit.

The dinner menu was Whitt's Barbecue, macaroni, and baked beans (buns were provided by the Association). Extra food was donated to Meals-on-Wheels. Utensils were purchased from Hobby Lobby.

The following reunion items were discussed:

- The reluctance of some alumni to pay in advance online for the reunion was believed to be, in part, due to an insecure website registration link. The board committed to providing a secure website, which is estimated to cost about \$100.00/year.
- An observation was made that this year's reunion fell between Sumner County's Fall Break and Metro Nashville's Fall Break. It was suggested that an effort be made next year to consider the counties' academic schedules when planning the event.
- Other suggestions as future reunion considerations included having an MHS photo video running in the gym as well as videos of some old MHS football games and music.
- MHSAA should consider asking the Madison Police Precinct about providing future security for events.
- In order to encourage greater alumni participation/support, the board approved sending out a mass email providing details about MHSAA and to answer the question, "Why support the Alumni Association?"

OLD BUSINESS

Officers for 2024:

At the September board meeting, the following members were elected to serve as MHSAA officers for 2024:

President—Ron Nimmo
Vice-President—David Smith
Secretary—Jerry Armour
Treasurer—Larry Odom
Membership/Event Registration Coordinator—Pam Nimmo
Class Representatives Coordinators—Bonnie Johnson and Kay Stafford

Alumna/Alumnus of the Year for 2023:

At the September board meeting, the board voted to honor Terry Seals as MHSAA's 2023 Alumna of the year. Terry will be presented with a plaque reflecting her accomplishment, as will other recent MHSAA Alumna/Alumnus honorees. Terry will also have a write-up on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 MHSAA Golf Tournament:

Debbie Locke and Cathy (Dunn) Weidekind have agreed to serve as coordinators of next year's MHSAA Golf Tournament. Among others, Tony Crowder and Don Deering have agreed to assist them. The Old Hickory and Hermitage golf courses were suggested as good choices for the tournament. MHSAA will look for a corporate sponsor for the tournament.

Painting of Additional MMS Bathrooms & Select Walls:

Ron Nimmo has talked with MMS Principal Cauthen about MHSAA painting the additional bathrooms as well as certain hallways during the 2023 Christmas holidays. He will be organizing the manpower, supplies, and work-times of the project.

Former Neighboring High School Rivalries Re-established:

Bob Chaffin has been selected to chair a new committee to contact the Goodlettsville, Litton, DuPont, Joelton, etc. alumni associations (the schools which closed in 1986) to gauge their interest in competing against MHSAA in friendly competitions (activities such as golf, corn-hole, table-top football, etc.). Bob explained that, since students of all these schools had many shared experiences, these activities would create opportunities to renew old friendships, share memories from back in the day, and increase these former students' number of social ties today.

P. O. Box Fee:

Larry Odom asked for clarification as to when MHSAA pays its P. O. Box fee. Rick Pharris explained that the post office puts a notice in the boxes when renewal time approaches. The board also provided clarification as to which members will have keys and thus access to the P. O. Box.

Adjournment & Announcement of MHSAA's Next Board Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. MHSAA's next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Alumni Room of MMS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66),
MHSAA Secretary