

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 2nd Board Meeting of 2023 on May 9th 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 Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Pam Nimmo (MHS '72), Ron Nimmo (MHS '72), Tim Watrous (MHS '57), and Pat Parker (MHS '67).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that MHSAA currently has \$1,974.54 in its General Fund and \$7,418.86 in its Scholarship Fund.

MHSAA Scholarship Committee

MHSAA Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour reported that the Scholarship Committee has not received any applications for scholarships thus far in 2023; but based on responses received from scholarship notices explaining a May 20 deadline extension for applying, the committee expects to soon receive a few. Should this be the case, the committee will begin to evaluate applications at the end of May. As of 2022, scholarships have been increased to \$2,000.00 each.

2023 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee

MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee Co-Chair Gale Andrews announced a Golf Tournament Committee meeting for Thursday, May 11, at 5:00 in the Alumni Room. The tournament is scheduled for 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.

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. Proceeds will go to help support the Scholarship Program.

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee

In MHSAA's March meeting, the board voted to have an "All Class Reunion" in the Fall of 2023. The reunion will be held at MMS. A tentative date has been set: Saturday, October 7th.

MMS doors will be opened at 4:00 pm and a spaghetti supper will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:00-6:30. The Gym will be open all evening. Plans are for the Alumni Room to be open to visit. Rick Pharris is chairman of the event.

OLD BUSINESS

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 wrote the letter and Rick delivered it to the MMS office.

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 cost around \$1,000/year. Board members are asked to be on the lookout for another

reasonably-priced webmaster. The board will continue this discussion during subsequent meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising (Grants & Donation Requests) Committee

Jerry Armour announced that he will be assisted in writing grants and donation requests for area funds/foundations/other by Pat Parker (MHS '67). Pat, who has much experience in grant-writing has agreed to provide guidance for Jerry and/or others as they attempt to raise money for both MHSAA's scholarship and general fund. MHSAA welcomes Pat Parker and her knowledge!

Vice President Replacement

Roy Jones has relinquished his duties as vice-president for personal reasons. We thank him for his service. Rick Pharris asked the board for nominations for Roy's replacement. Several persons were mentioned. Rick will be contacting those persons nominated to gauge their interest in serving. The position is to be filled for the remainder of 2023. Nomination of MHSAA officers for 2024 will be held in September/October.

Donation to Madison Middle School

Board members voted to donate \$600.00 to Madison Middle School. A check will be presented to the MMS principal by MHSAA's officers in the coming week.

Adjournment & Announcement of MHSAA's Next Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. MHSAA's next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the Alumni Room of MMS.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Armour (MHS '66), MHSAA Secretary