

Minutes of June 11, 2016 SSCS Alumni Business Meeting

The Alumni Association of Sharon Springs Central School held their annual Reunion of the classes and banquet on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Coach Doig Gym with 156 attending; including alumni, retired and former teachers, the Class of 2016 and their advisors, Mrs. Barbara Handy and Mr. Christopher Smith and guests. Dinner was prepared and served by the Class of 2018 under the direction of their advisors, Sue Futerko and Phil Nichols, and Cafeteria staff of Melissa Simpson and Linda Hall Bartlett '86. Bobbie Jo Dipace Kendle '90, dining room manager.

Following the invocation by Pastor Sara Litzner, President Paul Kling '64 led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The high school Select Chorus led us in the singing of "America the Beautiful". The Select Chorus performed a special selection under the direction of Sylvia Letteron.

President Kling '64 welcomed all those attending to enjoy this special evening with old friends, classmates, and family and now enjoy some great food.

President Kling invited brief messages from members from anniversary classes. Before having the anniversary classes speak he read parts of a letter the alumni association received from a daughter of an alumna who would have been celebrating her 80th anniversary of her graduation. The daughters were planning on bringing her to SSCS this year but she passed away in December. She had received "The Most Valuable Student Award" upon her graduation and truly enjoyed receiving the newsletters from the Alumni Association. The daughters of this graduate have donated \$100.00 to be awarded to a 2016 graduate who is deemed the most valuable student in memory of Lillian Wasylyshyn '36 Sexton. The letter and the check were turned over to the administration of the school to make the determination of who shall receive the award.

Barbara Whitbeck Cousineau '56 and Gloria Hotaling Putnam '56 said the secret of a great reunion is to "stay in touch with each other".

Carol Deluca Hunter '66 and Judy Riola '66 echoed similar sentiments that 50 years went by in a flash and that you young alumni will be here someday too! With twelve alumni from '66 all of whom were ladies you must admit that women rule!

Jim Doig '71, reminisced of the many hours he spent in the Doig gym citing the unfair advantage the home team had in knowing where the dead spots were in the floor since it had a tendency to be a bit "bumpy".

Doug Handy '76 was next to say that in order to speak you have to be a child of a teacher. (Doug's mom was Armandine LaVallee Handy '35 and a home-ec teacher at SSCS, Jim Doig's dad was the infamous Coach Al Doig, Judy Riola's dad, George was a 4th grade teacher here and Carol Deluca's dad was none other than Avery DeLuca (Mr. D) teacher and principal of SSCS. Doug did note that he was glad to grow up in Sharon Springs. Incidentally, Doug married a teacher who is one of the Advisors of the class of 2016, Mrs. Barbara Handy.

Sherry VanArsdal Brown '91, "Class President" and Thomas Lambert '91, "Class Clown" spoke about Sharon Springs as a small, great community.

Karen Brueck, retired math teacher at SSCS, asked MR. D. "How do you know when it's time to retire?" You go to your file cabinet and take one page out one page at a time, and when it's empty, you retire.

Harry K. Washburn, Jr '73. gave a slide show presentation of some of the classes that his dad Harry K. Washburn had advised in his career as shop, ag, driver training, etc. teacher. FFA boys doing their own brand of do it yourself bbq chicken beginning with the plucking, etc. The Button girls famous for their beautiful Holstein cows were featured showing cows at Cooperstown at the farmer's museum.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. Since everyone who received their alumni letter also received a copy of the minutes President Kling entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Jane Ritrovato Becker'71, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Kay Doyle Graves,'71 seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rebecca Cross Zarski'93 gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is \$6228.26 before expenses. The balance in the scholarship fund is \$19765.48.

Old business. No old business.

New business. There is a slate of officers for the alumni association.

Thomas Lambert'91 presented the following slate of officers:

President, Paul Kling'64

Vice president-Harrie K Washburn, Jr.'73

Secretary- Jeannette Cousineau Kling'65

Assistant secretary Joyce Slater'71

Treasurer-Rebecca Cross Zarski'93

Assistant treasurer- Pauline Grant Brown'51

Motion for approval of slate of officers was made by Gloria Putnam'56 and seconded by James McFadden'81. Motion carried.

Roll Call of Classes was read by Secretary Jeannette Cousineau Kling'65

There were 98 alumni present.

President Kling'64 welcomed the Class of 2016 to the alumni association and also thanked their advisors for their part in getting the students to this important step in their lives. Barbara Handy asked for a few minutes to tell briefly of the Senior trip to New York City and New Jersey.

Lots of places to eat and places to see .She then introduced Andrew McFadden, class president, who introduced his classmates.

The Alma Mater was sung by all, the benediction was given by Pastor Litzner, and Alumni and friends were free to talk with other alumni.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Cousineau Kling, secretary