

# ***Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Alumni Association Executive Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 10, 2009

### **I. Call to order**

**Nannette Carter Curran '55** called to order the regular meeting of the **Rabun Gap Nacoochee School Alumni Association Executive Committee** at **10:00 a.m.** on **January 10, 2008** in the **Alumni Heritage Center**. Jean Hopper Barber gave the invocation.

### **II. Roll call**

Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86 conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting.**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved unchanged.

### **IV. Reports**

- a) President: Nannette Carter Curran '55. See written report.
- b) Vice-President: Gerald Massey '64. Oral report given. He continues to make connections with alumni.
- c) Secretary: Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86. Oral report given. Minutes will be posted on the school's website as a draft until the next meeting when they can be officially approved.
- d) Treasurer: Dale Denham Shaffield '59: See written report
- e) Alumni Trustee: Don Kelly '52: Oral report given. He thanked the committee for their dedication, especially Nannette and Gerald. He wanted the committee to know that the school is currently in a tight financial situation and they may need to postpone planned facilities and limit scholarship money. He stated that donations are greatly needed at this time.
- f) Audit and Budget: Beverly Lougher '58. See written report.
- g) Archives: Billy Joe Stiles '49. Oral report given. Billy Joe thanked Don Kelly for all of his work on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He said that the Archives continues to be busy receiving visitors (16 in one day), and scanning archival photos with the help of David Grist '67. He reported a memorial gift was given to the Archives by the family of alumnus Dr. Walter Neville.
- h) Senior Class President : William Oakman
- i) Head Prefect: Ky Pak  
Will is from Beach Island, SC. He is in his fifth year at Rabun Gap. Ky is from Lexington, KY and is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Rabun Gap. Will and Ky gave a joint report on the state of the student government. They reported that the student government has changed its structure this year to mimic the structure of the United States government- the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch. They have worked to rewrite the school government constitution to reflect this reorganization. The

election schedule has changed to January, and the outgoing officers will serve as the new officers' cabinet.

**V. Unfinished business**

- a) Scholarship Committee report was given by Fred Threlkeld. The motion was made that \$6000 from the Alumni Association treasury be put into a fund held by the school to establish the Alumni Association Scholarship and that \$1500 be the initial award given on Awards Day in May. The Association will pledge \$1500 to the scholarship annually. The motion was passed unanimously. Plans to raffle a quilt of RGNS landmarks made by Dale Denham Shaffield's daughter were made as the first fundraiser for the Scholarship.
- b) Nominating Committee for an Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees was given by Don Kelly.
- c) Susan Odom reported on the new computer that was generously purchased by the 50's Alumni group for the Archives.
- d) Report on Winter and Spring Homecoming was given by Laura Schott, the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Nannette Carter Curran '55** adjourned the meeting at **1:30 p.m.**

Our next scheduled meeting is March 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alumni Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86

### **President's Report: January 10, 2009**

Today I can report that we are making good progress toward improving our communications with alumni and in supporting our school thanks to the work of individuals and committees. The archives remain the major day to day drawing card for getting our people on campus. Many former students stay connected with their alma mater by visiting with Billy Joe and his staff and looking through the Heritage Center. The exhibit at the Rabun County Historical Society created new interest in the school both from alumni and people who knew nothing of our school's history. Laura Schott, Paige Spivey and Pam Fountain provide us with the support that we need to keep up and running. You will hear in a few minutes the reports from our committees.

The best thing we can do as members of our Alumni Association is to continue to support the administration. Financial support at this time is of utmost importance and if we convince our fellow alumni that all contributions are needed—small and large we will be doing a great service to our school. Other forms of support are equally important—knowing what makes RGNS great today and telling others, serving on committees, showing up for workdays and other events and participating in such things as Career Day. Being physically on campus, seeing the present faculty and student body and talking with former administrators, faculty and students ensures the preservation of memories of our past and ensures a true and accurate perception of the present

Nannette Carter Curran '55

**Treasurers Report For Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting  
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Bank balance as of last meeting November 1, 2008			\$10,105.82
Deposits:			
Brick sales	11/18/08		250.00
Brick sales	11/18/08		450.00
Brick sales	12/02/08		150.00
Bank Statement balance as of December 31, 1008			\$10,955.82
Activity not shown on December Statement:			
Expense:			
Check 1034	12/31/08	Cherokee Stone Engravers	312.50
Current Bank Balance this date			\$10,643.32

Dale Denham Shaffield '59  
Treasurer

**The Finance Committee Report for the Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting  
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Per an audit of the bank statements from the Rabun County Bank of the RGNS Alumni account, I certify that the balance in the Treasurer's Report is correct.

The Treasurer, Dale Denham Shaffield, has provided me with copies of the bank statements and deposit records for this audit.

ALUMNI DUES/ETC	\$ 5,462.42
LEGACY WALKWAY	\$ 5,180.90
BANK BALANCE	\$10,643.32

Beverly Guthrie Lougher '58  
Finance Committee

**Recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to the Executive Committee of the  
RGNS Alumni Association**

The Scholarship Committee met on January 7, 2009 in the Freemon Conference Room of the RGNS Administration Building. Members present were Nannette Carter Curran '55, Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86, Fred Threlkeld '62 and Claude Dillard '86. We recommend that \$6,000 from the Alumni Association treasury be put into a fund held by the school to establish the Alumni Association Scholarship and that \$1,500 be the initial award given at Awards Day in May. The Alumni Association should establish a committee for fundraising and pledge \$1,500 to the scholarship annually.