

## **RGNS Alumni Association Annual Meeting**

Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2007

### **Opening:**

Welcome was made by Laura Schott, Director, Alumni and Parent Relations. Touching remarks and prayer were then given by Dr. Karl Anderson, former President of RGNS. Laura thanked the 1950s group for organizing work days to keep up the Alumni Heritage Center. She updated the alumni on the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party which was held for Ruby van Rooyen '25. Classes and decades were then recognized. Ms. Schott also reminded alumni to mark their calendars for Winter Basketball Homecoming on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

### **I. Reports**

A. John Marshall, Head of School, gave report on the state of the school. He pronounced the state of the school strong. He introduced Steve Gilliam, alumnus and new RGNS Board of Trustee Chairman. Mr. Marshall said the school still uses the three pillars of work, study, and worship to prepare students for a changing world and changing country. Fifty-two seniors graduated on June 2, 2007, and all of them were accepted to college.

B. Paige Spivey, Director of Advancement, gave a report on the Annual Fund which has a goal of \$475,000 this year. The Junior College Scholarship Fund is \$97,000 to date. She made the announcement of two large donations. In July, a donor is giving \$500,000 that will be used for student aid. Another donor has pledged monies to build a pavilion at the Alumni Heritage Center. Ms. Spivey invited us to participate in the Move Mountains Golf Tournament on October 9, 2007 at Waterfall at Lake Burton.

C. Keith Sutherland '75, Alumni Association President, introduced the Alumni Association Executive Committee. Then, he gave everyone his vision of the future of the Association. Mr. Sutherland wants to see a self-supporting organization that works on independent projects. He urged the members to get involved and pay their dues. Then he called the business meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

D. Dale Denham Shaffield '59, Alumni Association Treasurer, reported our balance of \$4,881.76 to date. She also announced that 92 Legacy Bricks have been sold in 6 weeks. See Report IE for additional information.

E. Janie Owens, former Alumni Director, introduced the Legacy Walkway project. Ingravable bricks may be purchased for \$50 through the Alumni Association to be placed in front of the Alumni Heritage Center. Forms were available in lobby. Purchases will be ongoing.

F. Laura Schott thanked Billy Joe Stiles for his work on the Alumni Displays. He received a standing ovation. Ms. Schott, then, presented the four choices for an Alumni Logo. She instructed alumni to vote by circling their choice on the ballot in their handout and then turning them into the ushers as they leave.

G. Keith Sutherland presented the idea of an alumni cemetery. He took an informal poll, and encouraged people to contact the alumni office if they are interested. Mr. Sutherland then introduced the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Alumni Association.

1. Add “and are current with their dues” to Article IV Section 2.

2. Add “upon request” to Article V Section 2 (c).

3. Article VI Section 1 (c) “on the first Thursday in October, April, and July unless the date is a holiday. In this event, the meeting will be the following Thursday” omitted and “will be posted” added. Section 3 (a) “weekend” changed to “events”, and (c) “school” changed to “alumni” development.

4. Article IX Section 2: Add “Anyone removed from Office may not hold any Executive Committee Office in the future.”

Amendments 1-3 were approved and Amendment 4 was withdrawn.

Business meeting adjourned at 2:54.

### **Question and Answer session**

A question and answer session was held for alumni to ask questions of current faculty, trustees and executive committee officers. The panel included Trustees Stephen Arbitter '86 and Steve Gilliam '66; Board of Visitor member Mark McDonough '81; Faculty members June Beale, Director of Student Life; John Marshall, Head of School; Paige Spivey, Director of Advancement; Adele Yermack, Director of Admission; Holly White, Director of Counseling; Janie Owens, former Alumni Director and present Middle School assistant; Laura Schott, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and Alumni Association Executive Committee officers - Keith Sutherland '75, President; George Freeman '71, Vice-President; Dale Denham Shaffield '59, Treasurer; Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86, Secretary; Don Kelly '52, Representative to the Board of Trustees; and Morris Robinson, Farm Family Representative.

### **Adjournment**

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86

June 8, 2007

Treasures report for Alumni Association Committee Meeting June 9, 2007

Balance as of last meeting March 22, 2007	\$2667.43
Deposit of misc dues	75.00
Deposit of brick sales	400.00
Deposit of brick sales	1850.00
Purchase 54 G.W. gold dollars (gift to Senior class '07)	-54.00
Check number 1014	
Purchase 54 cases for gold dollars Check number 1013	-56.67
Current balance as of June 9, 2007	\$4881.76



Dale Denham Shaffield  
Treasurer