

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Alumni Association Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2008

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 **November 1, 2008** in **Alumni Heritage Center**.

Billy Joe Stiles opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Roll call

Jennifer Berry Hudgins conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Laura Schott-Director of Alumni and Parent Relations for RGNS, Don Kelly '52-Alumni Trustee, Billy Joe Stiles '49-school Archivist, Jean Barber '53-Parliamentarian, Gerald Massey '64-Vice-President, Nannette Carter Curran '55-President, Susan Odom '57, Dale Shaffield '59-Treasurer, Beverly G Lougher '58, Fred Threlkeld '62, Jennifer Hudgins '86-Secretary, Morris Robinson '62-Farm Family Representative.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the March meeting were presented. A motion was made by Susan Odom and seconded by Dale Shaffield to approve minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Reports

- a) President Nannette Carter Curran '55 has found it gratifying to speak to local parents of current students, and she gets good reports from local community about RGNS students. She reported that the kids that spoke and performed at the Board of Visitors were wonderful. Nannette then praised Laura Schott's efforts on the E-News that she sends out to communicate with parents and asked if alumni could also receive the E-news.
- b) Vice-President Gerald Massey '64 spoke of his task to get more alumni back to campus. He reported on the progress he was making and the need for better communication.
- c) Secretary Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86 informed the officers that the agenda will be posted on the rabungap.org website prior to meetings and the minutes will be e-mailed to them for approval within two weeks following the meeting before they are posted on the school's website. Jennifer thanked Laura Schott for the comprehensive mailing sent to the alumni.
- d) Treasurer Dale Denham Shaffield '59 presented Treasure's report. Report approved as submitted. See attached report.
- e) Alumni Trustee Don Kelly '52 reported that fundraising for a new middle school is underway and the graduating seniors continue to receive 100% college acceptance. He praised the school's dedicated faculty and students.

- f) Farm Family representative Morris Robinson '62 reported on the October 4, 2008 Farm Family Gathering. There were 50 attendees to enjoyed a meal together and toured the Rabun County Historical Society exhibit about the history of RGNS. There was very good feedback from the event.

V. Old business

- a) Committee for Alumni Weekend and other annual events. - No report given. Committee members needed.
- b) Committee for Budget and Audit. - See attached report from Bev Lougher.
- c) Committee on School Development subcommittee-Scholarship Committee.-See attached report. A motion was made by Dale Shaffield and seconded by Don Kelly to accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and the recommendation was accepted unopposed. Fundraising will be discussed at the January meeting.
- d) Committee on School Archives. - Billy Joe Stiles, the RGNS archivist, continues to “officially” have Tuesday office hours. He is busy archiving student records. Billy Joe advised the Executive Committee on the procedure for obtaining pictures. All archives belong to the school. Nothing can be removed. However, scanned copies can be obtained by immediate family members. He reported that increasingly adult children are coming to the archives looking for information about deceased parents. Billy Joe stated a need for additional room for historical archives such as milk cans, looms, pottery, a sling blade, etc. He is concerned of the need to preserve modern RGNS history. Additionally, donations are always welcome. Please donate anything with Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School written on it.

VI. New business

- a) Nominating Committee is being formed to search for an Alumni Trustee to be elected in the spring of 2009. Don Kelly was named chairman.
- b) Request was made by Susan Odom for new computer for the office in the Alumni Heritage Center. The 50's alumni will be approached about paying for the computer.
- c) Repairs and maintenance of the Alumni Heritage Center were discussed and referred to the RGNS maintenance crew for evaluation.
- d) Ways to honor distinguished alumni for their service was discussed and will be placed on agenda for Jan. 10, 2009 meeting.
- e) The next meeting will be on January 10, 2009 at 10 am.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Berry Hudgins '86

Treasurers Report For Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting November 1, 2008

Bank balance as of last meeting July 12, 2008			\$8,272.20
Deposits:			
Brick Sales	7/11/08		600.00
Dues	7/11/08		115.00
Brick Sales	7/24/08		150.00
Brick Sales	7/25/08		50.00
HC Dues	8/08/08		1,790.00
Brick Sales	8/25/08		100.00
Brick Sales	9/04/08		100.00
Expenses:			
Check 1031	7/25/08	RGNS (250 Sports Bottles HC gift to Alumni)	-358.88
Check 1032	8/20/08	Cherokee Stone Engravers (57 engraved bricks)	-712.50
Bank Statement balance as of September 30, 2008			\$10,105.82
Activity not shown on September Statement:			
Expense:			
Check 1033	9/23/08	Cornerstone Memorials (Engrave dates on Column Capstones)	-100.00
Deposit:			
Brick Sales	10/03/08		100.00
Current Bank Balance this date			\$10,105.82

Dale Denham Shaffield '59
Treasurer

Finance Committee Report for the Alumni Association Meeting – November 1, 2008

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	\$ 4,643.40
BANK BALANCE	\$10,105.82

Beverly Guthrie Lougher
Finance Committee

Scholarship Committee Proposal

To the Executive Committee of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Alumni Association,

The Scholarship Committee of the Alumni Association recommends an annual scholarship to be given to a student of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School that would otherwise not be able to attend due to financial circumstance, with preference given to a returning student. The student should show commitment to the school's three pillars and motto of Work, Study, Worship. The student will be expected to interact with the Alumni Association, and be a student of good standing.

Sincerely,
The Scholarship Committee

Nannette Curran '55
Jennifer Hudgins '86
Susan Odom '57
Claude Dillard '86
Fred Thelkeld '62
Jean Hopper Barber '53