

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 1st Board Meeting of 2022 on March 8th in the MHSAA Alumni Room at Madison Middle School. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Vice-President Roy Jones (MHS '67), Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Rob Hancock (MHS '76), Ron Nimmo (MHS '70) and Bob Chaffin (MHS '66).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of the prior meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that MHSAA currently has \$2,565.12 in its general fund and \$10,143.00 in its Scholarship Fund.

MHSAA Scholarship Committee:

Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour reported that the Scholarship Committee is looking forward (with hope) to things returning to a "more normal, low-Covid," school year which might yield a decent number of scholarship applicants. He added that there has been discussion among Scholarship Committee members of requesting the Board increase the amount of an MHSAA Scholarship from \$1,500 to \$2,000 beginning in 2022. It was decided to bring this request before the Board at the March 2022 meeting.

2022 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee:

Golf Tournament Chair Roy Jones reported that the committee is considering Riverside Golf Course (Old Hickory) and Hermitage Golf Course (Hermitage) as possible sites for the 2022 MHSAA Golf Tournament. Roy listed either September or October as preferable months for the tournament, with October offering a tie-in with the All-Class Reunion that month (Golf on Friday and Reunion on Saturday). He estimated that the venues would charge MHSAA up to \$80/golfer for the event. He will be checking for availability and costs with each site and report that information to the Board at its April meeting.

New Business:

- **Scholarship Committee Request to Increase MHSAA Scholarships to \$2,000.00/Each.**

The Board heard a request from the Scholarship Committee to raise the amount of an MHSAA Scholarship from \$1,500 to \$2,000, beginning in 2022. Reasons presented for the increase were (1) Cost of living increase/inflation and (2) the need to fall in line with other area high school alumni associations with regard to monetary size of scholarships. Following discussion, the Board approved the increase.

- **Need for Younger Board Members.** The Board has repeatedly cited the need for some of the younger alumni (e.g., those graduating from MHS classes of 1977-1985) to step into leadership positions. At this meeting (since we had some younger members present) we further explored possible solutions as to how this need might be remedied. Bob Chaffin, Rob Hancock and Ron Nimmo all contributed to the discussion. Solutions offered included:

- Use class contact e-mail lists to inform alumni of the dilemma and request help.

- Place a similar notice on the MHSAA website.
 - Request Board members to separately contact friends from those later class years to personally spread the word.
 - Request class officers to mention this need during class reunion programs.
 - Place a notice in the Madison-area community newspapers.
- **Pursuit of Memorial Foundation & Dollar General Grants for MHSAA.** The Board discussed and agreed to pursue application for said grants. President Pharris will be contacting the Memorial Foundation and the Dollar General Fund to request a time for us to present support for MHSAA as a possible recipient. Secretary Jerry Armour volunteered to serve on the grant presentation team.
- **Alumni Room Inventory.** It was decided to take inventory of all memorabilia in Alumni Room. Rob Hancock volunteered to assist Rick Pharris, Jerry Armour and any other volunteers in this task. The Fire Department has advised MHSAA of the need to display our Alumni Room clothing items differently to avoid creating a fire hazard. We will so do.

President Rick Pharris recognized alumni Rob Hancock, Ron Nimmo and Bob Chaffin and thanked them for attending and contributing. Rick encouraged them to keep coming to the meetings and to consider serving on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

MHSAA's next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room at Madison Middle School.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66), MHSAA Secretary