

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 3rd Board Meeting of 2023 on June 13th in the Alumni Room of Madison Middle School (MMS). The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Pam Nimmo (MHS '73), Ron Nimmo (MHS '70), Eric Henderson (MHS '67) and David Smith (MHS '76).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of MHSAA's last meeting (May 2023). Minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that MHSAA currently has \$1,219.66 in its General Fund and \$9,280.86 in its Scholarship Fund.

MHSAA Scholarship Committee:

MHSAA Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour reported that the Scholarship Committee has received 4 applications for its 2023 scholarships. He added that the committee has evaluated the applications and will be conducting conference call interviews with the finalists this Thursday, June 15. Scholarships are for \$2,000.00 each.

2023 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee:

Secretary Jerry Armour reported that the 2023 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee (co-chaired by Tony Crowder and Gale Andrews) met Thursday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. The viability of the tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Hermitage Golf Course was discussed.

It was unanimously decided that MHSAA would not be having the Golf Tournament this year due to insufficient alumni contact information and other data necessary to facilitate publicizing the tournament and pulling it all together for this year.

Several alternative fund-raising efforts were suggested which were thought to be superior to the golf tournament in raising money this year for scholarships. Among them:

- Requesting Grants/donations from government and business foundations/funds.
- Improved communication with alumni (emails, phone calls, social media, newsletters, etc.) to promote the Alumni Association and Scholarship Program and solicit contributions to both.
- Closer contact with alumni regarding alumni events, programs, news, etc.
- An alumni theme party/dinner each year to raise money for scholarships (with music, food, auctions, games, etc.).

Co-chairs Crowder and Andrews added that not having the Golf Tournament this year does not necessarily exclude having tournaments in the future.

MHSAA All-Class Reunion

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Chair Rick Pharris announced an "All Class Reunion" to be held in the Fall of 2023. The reunion will be held at Madison Middle School (MMS). A tentative date has been set: Saturday, October 7th.

MMS doors will be opened at 4:00 pm and a spaghetti supper will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:00-6:30. The Gym will be open all evening and the Alumni Room will also be open to visit. Rick added that a table will be set up to accept MHSAA dues (\$20.00) for 2024. Dues for couples who both are MHS alumni only pay \$20.00.

OLD BUSINESS

MHSAA Website Software & Future Webmaster

Realizing that our website's software has become outdated, Wilson Stewart (DuPont High School, '56), MHSAA webmaster for the past 15 years, has advised us to consider upgrading to "Go Daddy Software." This software is used by many other alumni associations.

Being that Wilson will eventually surrender his MHSAA webmaster duties, it was also discussed that MHSAA should look to find a webmaster replacement once this occurs. We have been fortunate to have had the services of Wilson at a very reasonable fee, but realize that a new webmaster will probably run around \$1,000/year. Board members were asked to be on the lookout for another reasonably-priced webmaster. The Board will continue this discussion during subsequent meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant & Donation Requests Committee

Jerry Armour announced that he will be assisted in writing grant proposals and donation requests for area funds/foundations/other by Pat Parker (MHS '67).

Pat, who has much experience in grant-writing has agreed to provide guidance for Jerry and/or others as they attempt to raise money for both MHSAA's scholarship and general fund.

Jerry reported that he and Pat are currently writing a grant proposal for Dollar General Corporation and will continue to research additional grant opportunities. He listed as possible grant sources for 501c3 organizations in Middle Tennessee:

- Tennessee Arts Commission - This grant is available for 501c(3) nonprofit organizations that are chartered and headquartered in Tennessee.
(<https://tnartscommission.org/art-grants/>)
- Impact100 Nashville - This grant is available for tax-exempt public charities under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that serve the 10 counties in the Nashville Economic Market (Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, Wilson).
(<https://nashville.impact100council.org/grants/>)
- The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee - This foundation awards grants annually to nonprofits for a broad array of charitable purposes in areas such as education, the arts, health, and social services. Their discretionary grants are awarded to respond to new programs, emerging needs and innovative services for the benefit of the community.
(<https://www.cfmt.org/grants-scholarships/grants/>)
- The Memorial Foundation

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Vice President Replacement

Roy Jones has relinquished his duties as vice-president for personal reasons. We thank him for his service. Rick Pharris asked the board in May for nominations for Roy's replacement. Several persons were mentioned.

The position, to be filled for the remainder of 2023, was unanimously offered to Ron Nimmo and Ron accepted. Nomination of MHSAA officers for 2024 will be held in October.

Donation to Madison Middle School

In May, board members voted to donate \$600.00 to Madison Middle School. A \$600.00 check was presented to the MMS principal by MHSAA's officers in late May.

MHSAA's 501.c3 Renewal

Gale Andrews reported that Alumni Association accountant David Pitzer is handling the renewal of MHSAA's 501.c3 status.

Other

Gale Andrews reported that the bleachers at the Ram's Football Field have been taken down along with an out-building due to their structural damages.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. MHSAA's next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room of MMS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66),
MHSAA Secretary