

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2023

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 5th Board Meeting of 2023 on August 11th at Madison Middle School. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Vice President Ron Nimmo (MHS '70), Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Treasurer Gale Andrews (MHS '71), Pam Nimmo (MHS '73), and Bob Chaffin (MHS '66).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of MHSAA's last meeting (July 11, 2023). Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that MHSAA currently has \$2,245.32 in its General Fund and \$3,251.86 in its Scholarship Fund.

MHSAA Scholarship Committee:

MHSAA Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour reported that all MHSAA scholarship recipients are now enrolled and that all four of the scholarship checks have cleared the bank. He thanked Bob Smith, Tim Watrous, and Gale Andrews for their good work this year on the committee.

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee:

MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee (Ron Nimmo, Pam Warren Nimmo, Gale Andrews and Jerry Armour) reported that the reunion will be held at Madison Middle School (MMS) from 4:30-8:30 on Saturday, October 7th. MMS doors will be opened at 4:30 pm, a short assembly will be held in the gym from 5:00-5:30, and a barbeque dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:30-6:30. The entire school, including the gym will be open all evening and the Alumni Hall and Alumni Room will also be open to visit.

An admission table will be set up at the door to accept MHSAA dues (\$20.00)/person for 2024) and Scholarship Fund donations. Dues for couples who both are MHS alumni only pay \$20.00. Forms with names, class years, addresses, emails, and/or phone numbers of all those joining MHSAA will be collected at the admission table.

Announcements regarding the details of the reunion will be emailed to our email bank list. The announcement will provide links to reserve dinner(s) and to donate to the Scholarship Fund. There will also be payment options on the front page of MHSAA's website, offering payment via PayPal/credit card/check.

The dinner menu will be: Whitt's Barbecue, potato salad, and baked beans (buns will be provided by the Association). Utensils will be purchased from Hobby Lobby. Each paid MHSAA member will be given a meal ticket at the admissions table to present in the cafeteria. Any guests of alumni will be charged \$10.00/each for dinner. Payments for dinner are due by September 30th.

Other items discussed were:

- Ensuring there will be a school representative there to open the doors
- Having a security officer present.

Newsletter/Other Communications Committee:

The Board voted to form a new committee, "Newsletter/Other Communications." This committee will work toward increasing our Alumni Emails list, improving communication with alumni about reunions/alumni news/other MHSAA projects, locating individual class representatives, and involving more alumni in association projects. Pam and Ron Nimmo, Gail Nichols Swann, Rob Hancock, Jerry Armour, Gale Andrews, and Tony Crowder were nominated to serve on the committee.

Grants & Donations Committee:

Jerry shared that he has contacted Sylvia Slack (MHS '66) to help write grant proposals and she has accepted. Pat Parker (MHS '67) will review the proposals and make suggestions for revisions. The committee is currently writing proposals for the following:

- The Memorial Foundation
- Walmart
- Odom Family Foundation

Madison Middle School Project—Painting Bathrooms

MHSAA members joined forces during early August to paint 10 bathrooms at Madison Middle School. Colors are orange, white, and black stripes. Principal Cauthen had requested volunteers for this project and Ron Nimmo got a group together. We thank Ron and Pam Nimmo, David Smith, Rob Hancock, Larry Odom, Gale Andrews, Jerry Armour, and several others for their service.

A major focus of MHSAA is to support education in general and Madison Middle School in particular. In addition to the painting of the bathrooms, Ron and Pam Nimmo brought chicken and biscuits for the faculty and staff's first day back. We thank their church for providing the funds for this.

Adjournment & Announcement of MHSAA's Next Board Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. MHSAA's next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Alumni Room of MMS..

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66),
MHSAA Secretary