

SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC FOUNDATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2024

The Salem Community High School Academic Foundation Board of Directors regular monthly meeting was called to order by Debbie Woodruff in the high school board room.

Directors present: Lynette Dye, Keri Garrett, John Gaston, Debby Hays, Dena Heflin, Misty Johannes, Jeannie Malone, Rhonda Mulvany and Debbie Woodruff. Also present: Clint Wolfe

Minutes

The minutes from the regular meeting held on May 9, 2024 were reviewed. A motion was made by John Gaston, seconded by Debby Hays, to approve the minutes. Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

John Gaston reviewed the Treasurer's Report which showed an August 31, 2024 balance of \$335,151.73. He reviewed the profit and loss statement which showed a loss of \$951.81 for the month of August, 2024. The net income for the Foundation's fiscal year (Sept. 23 through Aug. 24) was reported as \$53,286.25.

A motion was made by Rhonda Mulvany, seconded by Debby Hays, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Membership- Debby Hays reported that she had received a letter from Board Member Kirby Phillips. She read his letter to the Board, in which Kirby indicated that he regretfully resigns from his position. He indicated that he did not feel his current situation allows him the opportunity to serve. The Board accepted his resignation and indicated they would miss his input on the Hall of Fame selections and Scholarship Committee. Rhonda Mulvany stated she believes that if his input is sought, Kirby will still be willing to assist.

Keri Garrett questioned what process is used in selecting individuals to receive newsletters/membership forms each year. She was told that the Board used to send out letters to the full listing of graduates. The mailing cost was exhorbinant, and many of the addresses were no longer accurate resulting in an additional postage charge for each bounced back mailing. The Board decided to ask James Toth to prepare a posting for the Academic Foundation's facebook page which provided the membership form. It was also decided that the post should be shareable so that each Board Member can post it to his/her own page/class page to try to boost membership. Finally, it was suggested that consideration could be given to mailing out the newsletter/membership form to a select group of individuals each year – for example – send it to all graduates between the years of 1965-1975. Debby Woodruff will ask Bob Payton (who managed the data base for the All Class Reunion) for numbers involved in this group so the Board can get an idea of how many people/cost of postage this would involve/entail.

The Board also discussed the possibility of moving some of the members to ex-officio status.

Fund Raising: The Board briefly discussed some of the fundraising ideas that were previously suggested: Applebee's Fundraiser: Jeannie Malone will get back in touch with Applebee's to ask that our Foundation be placed on the calendar for a dining for dollars fundraiser. The membership does not have to work the event, but will be encouraged to attend. She will attempt to schedule the event for the

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Tuesday in January 2025 when the basketball game is at home between Salem and Flora in the hopes that some of the out-of-town people will be looking for a local restaurant that night.

Elk's Club Chicken Dinner: Debbie Woodruff is to contact the Elk's and ask that we be placed on the calendar when space is available.

Second Chance Prom: Rhonda Mulvany will reach out to the Community Center to determine what dates are possibilities for hosting a Second Chance Prom. Comparisons will be made to the SCHS activity calendar and recommendations as to date(s) to consider presented in October.

Scholarship:

Debbie Woodruff will discuss the possibility of including necessary information regarding scholarship donors in each recipient's award packet. The Board is hoping to make it easier for each winner to properly thank their generous benefactors.

Hall of Fame:

Debby Hays reported that along with his letter of resignation, Kirby Phillips had provided her with updated information regarding a potential Hall of Fame candidate. She will deliver this information to Dr. Detering.

Other Business

None

Next Regular Meeting

The Board was reminded that our next regular meeting will be held on October 10, 2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynette Dye, and seconded by Keri Garrett to adjourn. Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.