MINUTES FOR THE FORDSON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 1, 2010

PRESENT: Barbara OBrien, Ganelle Shooshanian, Rudah Saghir, Richard Abdullah, Maureen Ewasek, Ralph Bach

The Board members met with Youssef Mosallam, Fordson's new principal.

Mr. Mosallam gave a very articulate and detailed account of the changes he was making at Fordson. His emphasis is a team approach with the staff very involved in the work of improving the school, whether it was Annual School Progress, student behavior, building improvement or morale building.

Passing through the halls , stopping to chat with staff proved that the new principal and his policies were appreciated and supported. He addressed other concerns such as Dual Enrollment, counseling protocol, security staff and instructional staff.

As pertains to the Alumni Association, he indicated that he would encourage the Seniors to join us as they graduaate. He will put our Request for funds form on the staff e- mail site.

Mr. Mosallam suggested and Board members agree that the Fordson support groups should get together and see where our activities overlap and where we could work together. Rudah is making that part our agenda for this year.

Rudah presented a financial report for Dan Bitar who could not be at the meeting. We have a \$9,000 balance. We made \$524 at Homecoming

A reunion class will purchase our stock of sand sculptures of Fordson for table centerpieces. We need to reorder baseball caps in navy with perhaps a tractor icon as well as the Fordson name

Ordering supplies for homecoming, meeting with other clubs and the best use of our funds will be part of the agenda at our next meeting. Should it be scholarships or continued responding to fund requests from staff and students?

Our next meeting is on December 5, 2010 at 10:00. We will meet at Rudah's home on Riverside, Dbn, Hgts. Directions will be sent by e-mail to all members.

Respectfully, submitted

Maureen Ewasek, Secretary