

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BOARD MEETING-September 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Rudah Saghir.

Present: Richard Abdullah, Ralph Bach, Janet Doty, Pat Hackett, Rudah Saghir, Ganelle Shooshanian. Absent: Dan Bitar, Karen Drugacz, Maureen Ewasek, James Gauthier, Barbara O'Brien.

Treasurer's report given by Rudah for Danny:

Bank Account: \$8,290

Cash on hand: \$554 which includes \$283 from merchandise sold at Homecoming, five new memberships, two renewals and one advertisement payment

Ralph asked about how many paid memberships we have. We have approximately 150-160.

Richard reported that we have two new memberships that used PayPal on the internet. This provides us with \$14.20 for a \$15 membership. Richard also requested that we have a second board member sign for the PayPal account. It was decided that our treasurer Dan would be a co-signer. The cost for this account is \$15.

Discussions on raising money:

Richard suggested we have an open house before a big football game when we have a big crowd such as when we play Edsel Ford or Dearborn High. Since it is too late to plan something before a football game we decided to have some kind of event before a basketball game. A game against Dearborn High would probably get a large crowd. We had suggestions to have people wander through the halls and eventually end up in the cafeteria. We would charge \$5, or if they become a new member, it would be free. The time would start at 5:00pm in order to reach the JV crowd and go until after half time of the Varsity game. We would get as many donations from the community for the food. We would need to commit about \$500 toward extra cost for anything the school might charge and things we may need to buy. We would also ask the Link Crew and/or the Key Club students to help in the hallways. Rudah and Richard will meet with Mr. Fadlallah to discuss this event

The first home basketball with Dearborn High will be Jan. 15.

Danny has asked to order more checks. Permission was granted.

Barbara has requested that we discuss some needs for the next Homecoming:

New caps and shirts –Rudah will look into new merchandise, possibly in time for our open house

Pad of paper, scissors, Scotch tape, inventory of existing merchandise

Barbara asked that we have Sonia Baydoun report to the Board on the Link Crew and provide pictures that she can put in the next issue of the *Alumnus*. Both Rudah and Richard will contact her.

Frank Muth , Fordson engineer contacted Ganelle about help in collecting pictures from former graduates, classes, yearbooks, etc. Also, they would like financial support to repair and frame the pictures to hang around the building. Barbara will put an appeal in the *Alumnus* and Richard will put it on our website. Ganelle will contact Frank and ask that he or John in the

Media Center put in a request for funds, explaining what they want to do, how much money they are requesting, and how this will impact the students.

Richard had inquired into our tax exempt status with the IRS. There is a form on the internet that we need to fill out every year by November. It was decided that Rudah and Dan need to fill out the form.

Richard said that he received a call from a Fordson graduate, David Mahalab. David has a tractor that he would like to sell us. We are not sure if it is a full size tractor or a die cast model. Since we already have two tractors and would not know where to put another full size tractor there was not much interest in purchasing it. Richard will find out exactly what kind of tractor this is.

Richard also had an idea to scan every yearbook we have. He said it would probably cost about \$25,000. Ralph said if we are interested we should apply for a grant. No decision was made to pursue this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting will be on Nov. 9.

Respectively submitted,
Ganelle Shooshanian for Maureen Ewasek