

Downington Area High School  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**Officers DAHS Alumni Association**

President.....Bill Mason '54  
2nd Vice President .....Caryn Isabella Menna '76  
Treasurer.....Ruthann Burkey Protivnak '53  
Secretary.....Donna Lang Kneisly '71  
Corresponding Secretary.....Fran Gasper Shaw '79  
West Liaison Rep.....Donna Lang Kneisly '71  
East Liaison Rep.....Fran Evans

**Minutes for Meeting February 22, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m. DHS West, Room 135, 455 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Mason at 9:05 a.m.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

The following persons were in attendance:

Donna Lang Kneisly	'71	Nancy McFalls	'71
William L. Mason	'54	Tom Frazer	'41
Caryn Menna	'76		

**III. REPORTS**

Minutes: (Donna L. Kneisly)

- The January 18, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion from Nancy McFalls and were seconded by Caryn Menna

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report:

- No Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: (Caryn Menna)

- Report is included in committee reports

Treasurer's Report: (Ruth Ann Protivnak)

- No Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: (Fran Shaw)

- All thank you notes are up to date
- Letters for the banquet are being prepared

Office Manager: (Ginny Pierce)

- E-mails coming in with address changes

Recording Secretary's Report: (Donna Kneisly)

- The approved minutes will be added to the AA website.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Banquet:** - (Caryn Menna)

- Location: St. Anthony's (waiting for the contract to be signed)
- Date: April 26, 2014
- Buffet dinner, cash bar, music provided by students from the schools
- 5000 envelopes have been ordered at a cost of \$2,648.50
- The 1964 golden Alumni will be sent a separate mailing with all of the activities for the year
- Hall of Fame members will be inducted
- 6 raffle tickets will be sent with each invitation (\$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00)
- Only one outstanding student from each high school will be invited (a change from one boy and one girl as in the past. With 3 high schools the expense was becoming too large.
- Return addresses are currently being stamped on the envelopes by the Life Skills students at DHS WEST
- Addresses are being "scrubbed" and will be printed on the envelopes.
- The mailing will be prepared on March 11, 2014, with the help of the NHS students, and will be mailed that week
- On motion by Donna Kneisly, seconded by Nancy McFalls, it was approved to reserve the Downingtown Country Club for the 2015 Alumni Banquet. A \$1,000.00 deposit is required. Bill Mason will have Ruth Ann write the check and Caryn will take it to the country club and get the contract. The banquet will be April 25, 2015.
- A "small game of chance" permit is required to sell 50/50 tickets. Bill Mason will get the permit from the Courthouse.

**Battle of the Brandywine:** (Jack McGeehan)

- Next year's "battle" will be October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Hall of Fame:** (Melissa Menna)

- There were 21 nominations
- There are 10 members on the nominations committee
- 5 Inductees
  - James "Hank" Hamilton '68
  - Bonnie MacDougal Kistler '71
  - Curt Schroder 79
  - Todd Stong '58
  - Dr. Richard Whittaker '58
- A very nice note was received from Dr. Mussoline, superintendent of the school district, congratulating Mellissa on a job well done.
- It was noted that the Alumni Association has no interest in partnering with the Downingtown Education Foundation. The association is only interested in partnering with the school district, as a whole.

**Homecoming:** (Donna Kneisly)

- Dates for the 2014 Homecomings are as follows:  
WEST – September 26, 2014  
EAST – October 31, 2014  
STEM – TBD

**Membership:** (Bob Pierce)

- Bob is keeping up with all of the address changes coming into the office

**Parade:** (Caryn Menna)

- Caryn Menna reported that the parade was cancelled in December. We will use the supplies for the 2013 parade for the 2014 parade.
- The 2014 parade will be December 13, 2014

**Scholarship Committee:**

- No report

**Ways & Means:** no report

**Web Site:** (Valerie DiLuigi)

- Valerie DiLuigi continues to update the website. Please send information.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Nancy McFalls, seconded by Donna Kneisly, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 15, 2014 at DHSW.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna (Lang) Kneisly '71  
Recording Secretary  
Downingtown Area High School Alumni Association