

MINUTES OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 20, 2009

PRESENT: Rudah Saghir, Dan Bitar, Richard Abdullah, Barbara O'Brien, Ganelle Shooshanian, Ralph Bach, Karen Drugacz, Pat Hackett, Maureen Ewasek.

Dan Bitar, the treasurer, distributed his report showing he disbursed \$6,378.00 to Mr. Fadlallah, Principal, to cover the cost of one Promethean Board for the Math Department and one Data Projector for Social Studies. Mr. Fadlallah met our challenge to match our purchase of the Promethean Board with an equal purchase by the school. Dan will be sending a \$200 donation to the Dearborn Homecoming Committee to cover the cost of appearing as a sponsor in the Homecoming brochures. A letter to Ms. Laundroche assuring we get correct billing will accompany the check.

Rudah and Dan are working on a dues reminder to be sent out to members. The reminder will also appear on our web site.

Sonia Beydoun, world history teacher was present at the meeting to present her Link Crew project. She gave several suggestions to increase our membership; setting up a table for registration at Football games, an idea others have mentioned in the past and perhaps attending the Varsity Club's annual dinner. Her suggestion for setting up a Facebook site to reach new members is being investigated by Richard Abdullah.

Rudah will look into ordering navy blue Fordson hats for sale at Homecoming.

Richard will look into the possibility of arranging for credit card payment of membership dues on line.

Sonia Beydoun described the Link Crew Program. The program is used to ease the transition of 9th graders to high school. 116 leaders from 11 and 12th grades will be linked to 6-8 freshman and would be available to answer questions and give direction. The program needs money to purchase t-shirts that will distinguish the leaders and to cover the costs of theme activities and lunch on initial opening day. Sonia was asked to give the Board some information on the success of the program at the other two high schools. The Board moved and seconded the motion to give the Link Crew Program \$1500.00. Discussion about color, design etc. followed. Members are invited to attend the orientation meeting in September.

The Board approved a funds request from Diane Prieur, English teacher, for \$500.00 for costumes for the Shakespeare Renaissance festival in May.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 8th at Fordson.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Ewasek