

Welcome to the 2019 MCSAA annual meeting. We would like to welcome newcomers to this meeting and hope you will join us for future meetings and events.

In 2019, we participated in the following

January-- attended girls and boys varsity basketball games recognizing alumni and veterans

June — we were unable to attend graduation which was on a Thursday night this year

July --had a booth at the Middleburgh Arts and Crafts Festival

October-- had a booth at the Middleburgh Fall Festival

Plans to host an All-Class Alumni social gathering did not come to fruition, but this remains a priority for future agendas.

We were able to get graduation pictures from Bob Roney for four pictures which are missing from the hall walls (2010, 2012, 2014, and 2015). It has been noted that recent graduation photos may still need to be hung and hopefully the missing ones can be added to the walls as well.

We obtained copies of the 2018 and 2019 yearbooks in hopes they would address our concerns with the lack of athletic team pictures. We believe yearbooks are part of the historical record of each school year and lack of team pictures is not an accurate reflection of student involvement in extracurricular activities. Since our original letter sent in 2017, many of the key players have changed—superintendent, high school principal, and athletic director. FYI—There are 27 sports teams at MCS with the following team pictures in the yearbook: 2017—seven, 2018—eleven, 2019--fourteen. This still leaves almost half the teams not pictured as a team even though there were pages for each team with unlabeled candid photos. As alumni, we recognize the importance of looking back at old yearbooks to see everyone who was on the team. Students are identified in other extracurricular pictures and should be in athletics as well.

At graduation, we awarded our eighth MCS Alumni Association scholarship. The winner was Nadine Standhart who wrote an essay on School Spirit—the Ties that Bind. The \$ 300 award was given in memory of Dale Herodes, Margaret Bouck, June Baker, Janet Hallock and Gloria Heim. The 2019 graduation award booklet also contained a correction because the names were incorrect in the 2018 booklet. Unfortunately the size of the award was reduced to ensure that we would have adequate funds to continue giving the award in future years.

At last year's annual meeting we decided to reduce the number of meetings each year to three—March, June and our annual meeting in November. Letters to the editors of the Times journal and the Mountain Eagle were sent in hopes of letting alumni know of our need to increase active membership and participation. I would like to thank Pat for taking and sending out minutes of each meeting; Nancy for her multiple roles as treasurer, historian, and keeper of our stuff; Frank for his attention to our website and helping us stay connected. We will continue to look for ways to make connections with alumni and to be of service to our alma mater.

Respectfully submitted,

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