

Welcome to the 2017 MCSAA annual meeting. This is our ninth annual meeting and the third year we have held it on a weekday morning, which a convenient time for most of our officers and regular attendees. If and when younger alumni become involved, we will look for a meeting time which is better for them.

In 2017, we participated in the following;

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

June — greeted alumni as they entered the building for graduation

October-- had a booth at the Middleburgh Fall Festival

Due to a variety of circumstances, we were not able to participate in the Middleburgh Arts and Crafts festival in July or host our alumni social hour on the front lawn of the school. We are hoping to host an All-Class Alumni gathering in 2018—just need to decide on time, place and plans.

Our alumni website, designed and maintained by Franklin Clapper Jr., has been a great way to share information with our alumni and friends of MCS. We decided to purchase website protection and extend our membership fee for two more years. Thank you, Frank, for the time and talent you spend on the website

This year we started digitizing the graduation photos which hang in the main floor corridor of the high school building. Our plans are to keep copies of all the graduation pictures and to restore some of the pictures which have faded over the years. This will be a costly project and we are grateful for the donations toward this effort. We are trying to locate four pictures which are missing from the walls (2010, 2012, 2014, and 2015) Thank you, Nancy and Chip for your work on this.

At graduation, we awarded our sixth MCS Alumni Association scholarship. The winner was Dustin Porter who wrote an essay on the comparison of MCS, a public school, and other types of schools. The \$ 500 award was given in memory of Larry Strack and Doris Wood. Thank you to the scholarship committee for your time in reading, discussing and deciding the winner.

Again, I would like to thank each of our officers for performing the duties of your office so well: Pat--taking and sending out minutes of each meeting; Chipper- brick orders, picture project, and school contact; and Nancy—treasurer, historian, keeper of our stuff and so much more. Thank you also to those who attend our meetings and support our efforts. We are working on behalf of hundreds of alumni who have signed on as members and appreciate having an Alumni Association. It would be great if more of them came to our meetings which we reduced to four times a year. We have asked for a “mailbox” in the HS office in case someone tries to contact us through the school. We will continue to look for ways to make connections with alumni and to be of service to our alma mater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie (Barber) Hooper, President