

Lisgar Alumni Association
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Monday 28 June 2004
held at the home of Joy Heft, 222 Fourth Ave, Ottawa

Present: Doug Arrand, John Barclay, Avi Caplan, Rod Hagglund, Joy Heft, Sylvia Kershman, Mark Orbay, Margaret Pippy, Joan Quain, Milton Shaffer, George Toller

Regrets: Angela Spence Kelly

1. AGENDA adopted as circulated.

2. MINUTES It was moved by John Barclay, seconded by Sylvia Kershman, that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Monday 26 April be approved as read; carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer John Barclay reported that the 160th ended up in the black, as indicated in the financial report, copies of which were circulated. He noted \$6140 in "unallocated cash"; Rod said a large chunk of it came from registrations (there were 850). It was noted that while the 150th lost about \$20,000, the 160th netted almost \$13,000. John will be handing the Lisgar Alumni Association books over to Marie Hartmann this summer as soon as he gets them ready (bank reconciliation etc).

The Life Member Fund has not been actioned for 3 months; one GIC has come due but is not yet re-invested. The Friends of Lisgar campaign totals \$44,431.22 to date, with another \$1,000 to come, thanks to raffle winner Stephen Lister. There are no corporate FOL sponsors yet. The reunion resulted in a few new memberships, but no particular push was made during the weekend. A summary and major report will be in the next newsletter.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Marg Pippy reported that the current number of committed alumni stands at 921, with 137 annual members paid up for 2004, 80 annual members from 2003, 14 annual members who are paid up for 2005 and beyond, and 690 Life members; this is the highest level of interest she can remember.

5. NEWSLETTER

Pat Hood wants any contributions to the next issue ASAP. She and Doug Arrand have sent a letter of thanks to Mike Casey at LoMor for his cooperation. The LAA owns an old version of Quark but is willing to buy a new one. Avi Caplan is in Canada until the end of August, then will spend a year in Sussex UK earning a Masters degree. Some movie maker in the UK, after running across the newsletter online, approached Trudy Bradley to use the Lisgar orchestra and choir, who will get credit (but no money). Canterbury High School has approached Rod regarding advice on how to set up an alumni association; he assured them we'd be happy to talk to them. Avi wondered if now is the time to ask people whether they wish to opt for an on-line version only; the consensus was probably.

6. ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Joy Heft reported that all clothing and other materials have been retrieved, and most put away, although there are still a couple of boxes left to file. \$677 was realized from the sale of old *Vox Lycei*, of which 30% goes to the *Vox* staff. The stock of old copies has been downsized by 1½ boxes. [Bound copies 5 years at a time are kept in the principal's office as a complete set.] Joy received several requests for genealogical information during the reunion; she will deal with them as time permits.

George Toller thanked Joy for her help with the Helmer project. Patrick Kelly obtained a photo of Helmer's name on a monument in Belgium; Joy has a copy for the archives. An alumnus sent us a postcard with the poem *In Flanders Fields* on it.

The several cartons of folders left from the reunion have been made available to the school. Joy is keeping 5 of everything for the files, but was advised to pitch extra reunion booklets.

Sylvia Kershman noted that the computer program *InMagic*, which accepts scanned material etc, is available locally for around \$2,000. Avi cautioned against buying a commercial program unless staff is available to keep it maintained and updated. Joy reported that current staff members are not very good about contributing material regarding school events, and should be reminded about 4 times a year.

7. REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rod Hagglund reported that the committee had a final meeting after the event, and hopes to get it down on paper soon. He noted that the proceeds belong to the LAA for disposition, and that we've met our obligations to the school. There was some discussion about what to do with the largesse. Avi suggested that the website may be due for a major upgrade, and that the server may cost us in future if we outstay our welcome at York University. Doug says that several old framed pictures need repairing, at an estimated cost of \$300-400. John feels we should keep the money to improve the physical plant. It was **moved** and seconded (Doug Arrand, John Barclay) **that all net revenues arising from the 160th weekend be deposited in LAA accounts to ensure financial stability;** carried.

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Not available.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Contingency Plans After some discussion, minor changes were made to the wording of the draft document; it was then **moved** and seconded (Doug Arrand, John Barclay) **that this document (copy attached) be approved;** carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Rod presented retiring treasurer John Barclay with a Cross pen, as a reminder of the many cheques written on behalf of the LAA. John thanked everyone, and commented that it has been an interesting nine years.

11. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Doug says his "Barclay rant" is extreme anger over Canada Post's decision to issue a Home Hardware stamp when they wouldn't issue one for Lisgar's 160th.

A letter of thanks was received from author Jennifer Cook.

Marg Pippy commented that serious consideration may have to be given to hiring someone to replace her in the alumni office (there being a notable lack of candidates thus far), as the scope of the job now exceeds what can reasonably be expected of a volunteer.

12. NEXT MEETING Monday, 20 September 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Sylvia Kershman moved adjournment at 9:50 p.m.

Margaret Pippy, 17 September 2004