

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rod Hagglund , Marie Fraser, Mark Orbay, Joy Heft, Kim Ellard, Sylvia Kershman, Gillian Campbell, Elizabeth Hale, Avi Caplan, George Toller, Karen Gledhill, Margaret Pippy

Regrets: Milton Shaffer, Susan Hewitt, Daniel Kekez, Doug Arrand, , Pat Hood

1. Introductions / Agenda

2. Minutes: May 15th meeting minutes approved.

3. Principal's Report: (Karen Gledhill) First three weeks of school are going well. There are a lot of students (1086) and transfers (77) as well as new staff. The Mall & parking areas were repaved / interlocked this summer. New boxes were installed around the trees and tulips or other plants will be planted. New siding is being installed on the Gym building. Money from the Provincial Ministry has been allocated for school improvements. The Dual Diagnostic class is in a room off of the cafeteria. There has been lots of painting and cleaning done over the summer. A new staircase was installed in the South building on the West side. Bluesfest stage was in LCI field this year. Great publicity for the school. There are 10 students visiting from Spain for 2 ½ months (grade 11). Sophia Hou, our Canada Day poster winner, was invited to Parliament Hill on Canada Day this year. Colin Gray (1986) wrote & directed a documentary film called *Freedom's Fury* and the world premiere will be at the National Gallery on Sept 29th. A LCI premiere will be held at 10:30 am in the Auditorium. See www.freedomsfury.net for more info. The last newsletter was great! There will be a Safe Schools assembly and practice lockdown next week. Mock Timetable night is this Thursday. Nov 10th is the Remembrance Day assembly. We would like to invite any LCI grads who have served to come. We are looking for a guest speaker. George suggested John, Peter & David Chance – three Lisgar brothers who all served. Handed out the school calendar for 2006-07.

4. Finances: (Marie Fraser) Handed out financial statements for the period ending August 16, 2006 (see attachments). Brett Dugan has transferred to another school and is no longer involved with the Lisgar Fund. A new treasurer is to be appointed.

5. Secretary: (Elizabeth Hale) There has been a lot of mail to go through since the last newsletter. Cheques from the summer are still being processed. We have had several new Life members as well. Memorabilia continues to sell at a steady pace. We have had a lot of correspondence relating to people asking for information and names of fellow Alumni members in order to re-establish contact, as well as requests for photographs of Alumni Auditorium chair plaques. Received a thank you from the Reach for the Top team for our support of their fundraising efforts, as well as a thank you from Trudy Bradley for inviting her to our annual end of year luncheon. A photo was received from _____ depicting the LCI cadet band marching down Elgin St. in 19___. We need to revisit the membership card issue. I will get more information and present at the next meeting. Receipts for postage and supplies presented to Marie. Please update Executive contact information.

6. Archives: (Joy Heft) **VOX** – Copies of Vox for the library have been sent for binding to bring the collection up to date. Many additional copies of the Vox dating between the years 1925 and 1946 have been donated by Al Abelson. We are receiving more donations of Vox of this vintage and storage is becoming a problem. Alumni are no doubt responding to the request for Vox that are placed in the newsletter, but often we receive ones or which we have a more than sufficient number. Should we keep ones that are in better condition than those we have in the

collection and discard the others. Should we request that alumni send only those that are specifically mentioned as being needed? The danger of this is that we do receive requests of copies for some years, but are acquiring an overabundance of those from earlier years as people downsize. Good news – since last meeting we have received the 1955 and 1956 copies that we had been promised earlier. **LETTER TO GRADS** – At the request of James Hum, I provided a letter on behalf of the Alumni Association executive for inclusion in the Commencement program. I forwarded it to Rod and Elizabeth for their perusal. Copy available for perusal and suggestions. **MEMORIAL PLAQUE** – Eugene Weber, a former Lisgar teacher, was in touch with Neil Petrie about having his name included on the plaque as a Second World War veteran. Apparently he had made the request some time ago and been promised that this would be done. Is it a practice to include teachers on this plaque? Request permission to proceed if so. **SHOWCASE** – The showcase will be dismantled near the end of September and a new one put up for Remembrance Day. In the meantime, the space will be offered to the art or other departments. **FINANCE** – One tie was sold at a cost of ten dollars to a parent. The money has been retained for the purchase of file folders. **THANK YOU** – A note of thanks was received from Margaret Poetschke expressing her gratitude to the Alumni Executive for the lovely luncheon and the paperweight she received upon her retirement. **REMEMBRANCE DAY** – Richard Arrigo has come with a suggestion that we invite all living veteran alumni to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 10 at Lisgar. He noted that there are fewer and fewer remaining and felt this would be a good time to do it. Is this feasible? How could these people be contacted?

7. **Newsletter:** (Gillian Campbell) The June newsletter was printed and distributed successfully. We have received a quote for printing from PostLink and we will be doing a comparison with Lomor to determine where to have the next edition printed. The Fall newsletter should be out in late November so please start sending articles now.
8. **Old Business:** Marie presented a draft Donation Criteria document and has asked for feedback. We will discuss at the next meeting. We need to find a new leader for the Wall of Fame file.
9. **New Business:** Avi – has spoken to alumni Eric Weiss and has asked why aren't we in the same league as some major Alumni associations in the US considering our prestige and history. We have a great potential fundraising base that is being under utilized. Perhaps we should look into ways to solicit funds through target mailings and direct mail campaigns?
10. **Comments:** We would like to extend Best Wishes to Milton and Sarah Shaffer who are celebrating their 68th Wedding anniversary.

Next Meeting: Monday October 16th at 7:30 PM
MEETING ADJOURNED 9:30 P.M.