

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Karen Gledhill, Marie Fraser, Wendy Hagglund, Matt Easterbrook, Avi Caplan, Mark Orbay, George Toller, Sylvia Kershman, Joy Heft, Rod Hagglund, Elizabeth Hale

Regrets: Milton Shaffer, Susan Hewitt, Daniel Kekez, Kim Ellard, Margaret Pippy

1. **Introductions / Agenda:** Presentation to Milton Shaffer to thank him for his service as a member of the Alumni Executive. Milton was given a plaque to keep and a duplicate plaque will be hung near the Library entrance.

2. **Minutes:** May 28th meeting minutes approved.

3. **Principal's Report:** (Karen Gledhill) June Commencement – wonderful as usual! 239 in graduating class: 51 Silver Medals (90% and over average); 36 Extended French Certificates; 139 Ontario Scholars (80% average); 107 LAAA (80% in 6 grade 12 subjects during 06-07 day school). Enrolment 07-08 – 1070 at present, slightly higher than predicted. Staffing – 4 additional staff hired during the week before school – Social Sciences/Business/Art/Music/Business. Linda Martin and Sheri Grant are back for 1 class each this semester. James Hum has gone to Bermuda for 1 year. Susan Henderson will be in Toronto with her husband for a few months while he recovers from a lung transplant which occurred the first week of school. New office and admin. Person hired (Sherry Dingsdale) and new Library Technician (Mandy Lavergne). Neil Petrie off for another 2 weeks, at least, on doc's orders (foot infection). Students' Council BBQ for grade 9's on first day of school was successful. They are planning a spirit activity each Friday at noon hour. Last Friday – cake eating contest! Safe Schools' Assemblies – last Monday. Stratford Trip – last Thursday and Friday; planned by the English Department. Mock Timetable Night – Thursday, September 20th. Musical – Damn Yankees? Auditorium booked for evening of February 20th (David Jeanes, Heritage Ottawa's lecture event). Richard Arrigo – recipient of the Christopher Gledhill Award for Orchestra in the 2007 Performance Awards sponsored by the Canadian Music Educators' Assoc. Chinese Delegation – Thursday, September 20th – Presentation re: LCI, Q & A, visit classes, talk with students. Stained Glass Windows – thank you for the donation towards the cost of repairs. We expect the repairs to be completed in October.

I forgot this one.....

Terry Fox Run – we will be participating in this on the afternoon of Friday, September 28th. We are hoping for 100% participation from students and staff.

4. **Finances:** (Marie Fraser) Presented financial statements for period up to September 7, 2007. (See attached). Funding proposals will be e-mailed out before the next meeting for review. Discussion and vote will take place at our next meeting.

5. **Secretary:** (Elizabeth Hale) Total alumni members: 4,241 which is down by 97 due to many 'return to sender' newsletters. Total Life members: 763 – up by 6 since last month. We have not made a cheque deposit since May and we need to start getting this organized. Presented receipts totalling \$244.20 for memorabilia shipping and mailing supplies from the summer. We have sold a lot of memorabilia lately. Received several e-mails about the 85/64 pin questions from our last newsletter. It was in fact, an award given out to students who achieved an 85% average along with the year the award was given. We will be sending a prize to the person who e-mailed us with the first answer. Need to look into whether we should buy a cell phone for the Alumni office or some other alternative because the present Bell line is costing us \$1,000 per year.

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- 6. Archives:** (Joy Heft) **VOX** - The bound VOX for 2006-2007 has been received and delivered to the school library with an updated inventory. Avi had discovered that the Ottawa Public Library has copies of the VOX dating back several years. Yvonne Seiers has set aside two copies for 2007 to be delivered. Avi discovered that the years 2003 and 2004 when Yvonne was on leave are missing from the Public Library collection. We will deliver copies of these as well. Joan Doubt Klaas has sent copies of the 1959 and 1960 year books for the archives, so we now have the required two for these years. A thank you note has been sent. A request has been made for purchase of a copy of VOX for the 1950's. The transaction has not yet been completed. **KEYS** - The Alumni Office has been re-keyed and those requiring keys will have to be supplied with new ones. New keys may be picked up from Kevin Robb at the time of this evening's meeting and must be signed for. **LISGARWRITE** - A box of copies of The Lisgarwrite was offered for the archives in June. These have been sorted and the collection completed from 1986 to 2006. **OTTAWA BOOK OF EVERYTHING** - Rachel Eugster was in touch at the end of June to confirm that we will receive a copy of this book for our archives by way of thanks for the provision of information regarding the Alexis Helmer connection to the inspiration of the poem **In Flanders Fields**. **INPUT SOUGHT REGARDING OLD PICTURES** - There are in the archives, several pictures or framed documents which may be of historical value, but which are not pertinent to Lisgar. The archivist would appreciate some advice as to what to do with these. They will not be of use to us and are taking up valuable space in the alumni office. **MEMORIAL HALL** - The plates ordered earlier in the year for Stewart F.D. Bruce and Peter Chance have been submitted to the head custodian to be placed on the appropriate plaques. **ALUMNI PHONE** - The alumni office is still without a working phone. There are two phones (handsets) in the office which will not be usable. It will be necessary to purchase a new one. Decision required as to what to do with old handsets. **PRINCIPAL'S PORTRAIT** - Pat Irving reports that she has had her portrait taken and it is in the process of being framed for instalment in the library with those of other former principals. **GOOD NEWS** - Display boards from the 160th which had gone missing from the storage room during a major summer housecleaning have been found in the Art room. 10 . **ROUTINE FILING** - This activity has resumed with many items having been received during June and into the summer. A concerted effort will be made this term to refile some of the old student cards in the storage room.

7. Newsletter: (Matt Easterbrook) Next newsletter will be late November. Ideas for news articles were put forward.

8. Old Business: A big thank you to George Toller for the lovely luncheon he hosted at the Rideau Club for the Executive members in June. We also send our condolences to him on the death of his brother Eric.

9. New Business: (Joy) Several old prints which the school no longer wants, and the Alumni office cannot physically house were put on display and their fate was discussed. Two were IODE prints presented to the school, one was of Queen Victoria, one was a proclamation from the City of Ottawa, and the last was a drawing of a European town. We will contact the IODE and/or the Canadian War Museum to determine if they are interested in the prints. Elizabeth offered to make a donation to the Alumni Association in return for the Queen Victoria poster and the European print.

(Rod) The Sports Wall of Fame has received a few more potential nominees: Alex Smith (NHL), Herald Derra (NHL), William G. Bud Clark (Cross Country Skiing), Ralph St. Germain

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(Olympics: Hockey), John Taylor & John Currie (Olympics: Skiing), Peter Chance (Figure Skating).

(Avi) Discussion about scanning yearbooks and putting them onto the website. We would be able to search for specific names, organizations, dates etc. Feeding through a machine is not feasible because of the binding glue. Looked into paying an organization to do it: .12 cents per page - .36 cents per page (range) which is between \$1,500 - \$4,000 to scan the collection plus web support. Karen will speak to a Board lawyer about copyright and privacy issues. Elizabeth will look into transport and insurance.

10. Comments:

Next Meeting: Monday October 15th at 7:30 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 P.M.