

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 19, 2009

Present: Rod Hagglund, Joy Heft, Elizabeth Hale, Karen Gledhill, Sylvia Kershman, Avi Caplan, Tracy Finnigan, Martin Munro, Steve Sansom

Regrets: Marie Fraser, Matt Easterbrook, Daniel Kekez, Kim Ellard

1. Roundtable

Joy provided Alumni Office keys to Steve and Tracy. Thanks to Avi's efforts, the 1918-19 Vox was successfully loaded onto the Google Books website – more to follow.

There was discussion of whether to purchase a separate Alumni appreciation plaque for George or an integrated plaque with room for additional names. There was a proposal to leave Doug Arrand's and Margaret Pippy's plaques as they are, and start a new plaque with Milton Shaffer and George Toller with room for later additions. Joy said she would think about wording, to discuss next meeting.

2. Minutes: November 17 – approved with amendments.

3. Principal's Report: (Karen Gledhill)

1. Card from Robin Middleton, Outdoor Ed. Teacher (for skis and poles)

2. Letter – Community Foundation of Ottawa – distribute; approximately \$4,500 each June awarded to students at Commencement

3. Film Premiere – *In The Moment* – an exciting documentary about the Canadian Improv Games, directed by Sandra Chwialkowska; playing at Bytowne February 20 at 9PM, February 21 at 4:45PM and February 22 at 6:25PM (also Winnipeg and Kitchener-Waterloo). Sandra grew up in Ottawa, went to Lisgar and competed on the school's improv team. She's a documentary filmmaker. This documentary follows six high school improv teams, including two from Ottawa (Canterbury and Lisgar), as they work their way through local and regional finals to get to the pinnacle of the sport, the Canadian Improv Games. www.inthemomentfilm.com

4. *Freedom's Fury* – still trying to obtain 2 copies of the DVD

5. United Way Pancake Breakfast – early Dec. – huge success

6. Canned Food Drive – December – Centretown Food Bank – over 1200 items collected

7. Students are completing summatives, course work and preparing for exams, which start Friday, January 23 and run until Friday, January 30.

8. Incoming Principal, David McMahon, was here today to meet department heads, many students and staff. This is David's 8th year as Principal at Sir Robert Borden H.S. in Nepean. Prior to SRB, David was Principal at Canterbury for 4 years. His teaching area

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was Business. David is excited to be transferring to Lisgar and is looking forward to working with all of you.

9. OC Transpo Strike – our School Council has provided a facility on its website so parents can offer rides to our students/indicate they could use some assistance with transportation/volunteer to car pool.

10. Two funding proposals – distribute.

11. In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for everything you do on behalf of the Lisgar Community. It has been a privilege working with you and it's been fun! Best wishes to all you for a great year filled with an abundance of health and happiness.

Regards
Karen

At the conclusion of the Principal's Report, Rod expressed the Association's appreciation to Karen for her commitment to Lisgar and the Alumni, and presented her with a parting gift.

4. **Finances:** (Marie Fraser - absent) No report.

5. **Membership Coordinator** (Elizabeth Hale): Elizabeth noted that the former position of Secretary has now been divided into three positions, Secretary (Steve Sansom), Membership Coordinator (Elizabeth Hale) and Memorabilia Coordinator (Tracy Finnigan). Almost all cheques that became stale-dated in 2008 have been replaced, the 2008 donations have been processed and the tax receipts will be mailed soon. Elizabeth will produce a funding report for 2008, and begin filing membership forms by next meeting.

6. **Archives:** (Joy Heft)

1. **Memorial Hall:** A new plate has been ordered to the First World War memorial plaque for the father of George Toller, Owen R. Toller. In addition, an inquiry has been made into the creation of two bronze cast name plates for the plaque of those who lost their lives during the Second World War. It has been brought to our attention that the names of Wendell J. Clark and John J. Hallinan are missing. I have been able to verify that they were alumni, and that they did lose their lives during that war. As these will be more costly, an estimate of the cost has been requested to be approved by the executive. (Motion: plate funding approved.) See also item #2.

2. **Research:** Information has been provided to Roger Miller who is writing a book of ghost stories in Ottawa. He wished to have information regarding the accidental death of Janet McCready killed in 1935 by falling ice and of a janitor who had died falling off the roof at Lisgar. Details regarding the latter incident were not found.

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Marita Moll requested information regarding Alan Hague, a former Lisgar student who also lost his life during the Second World War. She also had items belonging to Alan Hague to donate to the archives. Alan's name is incorrectly spelled on the plaque of those who participated in the war, and on that of the war dead, his first rather than second name by which he was known is used to identify him. Alan will be featured in next year's Remembrance Day display. He was very active in athletics and there are pictures of him in several yearbooks from the period.

3. **Memorabilia:** Tracy Finnigan has agreed to take over the mailing out of memorabilia. She will keep the items at home to facilitate this activity. A few items will be kept in the alumni office for emergency purposes.

Two more Babelowsky prints were ordered by Mary Hines and sent out in late November at a cost of \$14.65. A further print was ordered by Bill Hines and mailed out today at a cost of \$8.97. Purchase of six mailing tubes amounted to \$12.61. (Receipts submitted.)

Elizabeth suggested that photos of memorabilia could be taken and posted on the website.

4. **Donations:** Kathy Dale Memme, daughter of Douglas Dale and Elizabeth Thakeray, both Lisgar alumni phoned to inquire about donating school rings and a pin belonging to her parents to the archives. The donation was accepted and has been received.

George Toller has also donated some memorabilia in the form of a football jersey and a Lisgar golf shirt. Also donated by George is a book entitled *More Memories of Yesteryear*, a collection of stories written by George originally published in *Vista*, the Ottawa Community newspaper serving Alta Vista and Canterbury, and will join our collection of books by Lisgar authors.

5. **VOX:** Efforts are continuing to process the donation of VOX to Ottawa Central Library on Metcalfe St. Six 2009 VOX have been ordered for purchase by the Alumni Association to provide for our usual requirements. A few boxes of VOX including years 2003 and 2007 were distributed at the Grade Eight Parents' Night.

It should be noted since this is the last meeting Karen will attend as principal, that a bound series of VOX for the last five years will be ordered in June and will bear the inscription: 'This volume is dedicated to Principal Karen Gledhill by the Lisgar Alumni Association in grateful recognition of her dedicated service to Lisgar Collegiate.'

Avi noted that a link can be added from the Google Books site to the publisher's website to facilitate sales. Once the yearbooks are loaded on the site we can use this feature to distribute issues for which we have a large number of surplus copies.

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6. **Archival showcase:** Linda Granfield, author of the book, *In Flanders Fields* which was featured in this year's Remembrance Day display was in touch with Janice Isaacs, head of the Lisgar Languages Department, to indicate how pleased she was to see her book on display during a visit to the school in the fall to request information regarding Alexis Helmer. She and the archivist were subsequently in touch on several occasions, but she was unaware that the display was an archival display rather than a student display. The display was dismantled after Christmas and the showcase is currently being used by the Art Department featuring items for their upcoming art show. Tristan Heft assisted in scanning material to be sent to Linda.

7. **Newsletter:** (Matt Easterbrook – absent)

Rod advised that Matt will no longer be editing the newsletter. We should aim to mail it at the end of February. Avi said he can continue to do layout and design. He would prefer not to have to coordinate submissions but may be able to recruit someone. A discussion of content followed.

8. **Old Business:**

Wall of Fame: Neil Petrie was contacted and does not know where the spare Wall of Fame plaques were stored. Karen will make further inquiries. Rod has not yet been able to contact the families of Desmond Burke or Ralph St. Germain.

Websites: Avi noted that the school websites, which had previously been housed at Glendon College of York University, were removed from their servers and went offline in December. They are now back on line and temporarily served from Daniel's house. We should consider a more permanent arrangement that may involve paying commercial web hosting fees.

9. **New Business:**

Rod reported that he will be speaking about the Alumni Association to the school council on April 8.

There was a proposal to raise Association membership fees to \$20/year as of May 1, 2009, and life memberships to \$120 as of January 1, 2010.

Martin suggested sending a note asking parents to direct their United Way donations to the Lisgar Fund. Avi noted that the United Way retains about 13% of directed donations to cover administrative costs so this would only benefit the school in the case of parents who would not donate directly to the Fund. A note could be added to the Fall newsletter.

Sylvia asked when the next Alumni reunion would be. After some discussion the 175th anniversary appeared most likely.

Next meeting: Monday, February 23, 2009, 7 p.m.