

St. John's Centennial Reunion
Steering Committee Meeting
Location: Rm 5 Canad Inns Garden City
Wednesday, August 24, 2009

Members present: B. Burdy, L. Bulka, G. Kropla, W. Pinchbeck, D. Driedger, J. Leung, C. Dewar, C. Rickey, V. Spigelman, R. Hemmerling, S. Singer, J. Olynyk, C. Kurdydyk.

Regrets: S. Gibb, P. Dart, Y. Korchynski

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m by B. Burdy.

1. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** were amended: Ken Kostick will be asked about doing a cooking with Ken session.

MOTION: Gloria moved, seconded by Dani: that the minutes be accepted as amended. Carried.

2. **MEMORY BOOK**

- Wendy reported for Pam. Letters have been taken to various businesses in the North End and were well received.
- Pictures have been taken of the school for the back cover.
- Send names of Order of Canada recipients to Wendy.
- No one knows if Barbara is still doing 1980-1989.

TASK:

- Wendy will send an email to Tanya confirming she will do the 2000-2010 decade.
- Carolyn will contact a friend to come up with a list of Order of Canada recipients and report back at next meeting.

3. **GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Victor discussed plans for next year's tournament. He is pursuing title, lunch, hole and ball sponsors.

DECISIONS:

- The committee approved the 2010 tournament be held on June 16 tentatively at Larters.
- Golfers can play if not attending the reunion.
- This event will be listed in all the registration material.

TASK: Victor will finalize the location and provide details for the September 14 meeting.

4. SCHOOL UPDATE - LINDA BULKA

- Linda talked about the Tallman Foundation's involvement with St. John's. Three full tuitions are given to students to complete their first degree.
- The foundation is proposing a walk on May 29, 2010 to raise awareness of the North End and as a fundraiser for the school and to promote the reunion. It will begin at Kildonan Park, end at the school, and stop at 'noteable' locations along the way.
- The staff at the school is keen and ready to help with the reunion.

5. FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Wendy discussed the visit last week to the Tijuana Bar at Canad Inns Polo Park with Brian and Carole. Capacity is 1,200; in addition to the main bar, there is an outdoor patio (200 more) and more private lounge area. Security would be provided; all guests must show ID and go through metal detectors.

MOTION: Wendy moved, seconded by Victor: that the Friday night social be held at the Tijuana Yacht Club, Canad Inns Polo Park, with ticket price to be \$10 - \$12.

6. GALA BUDGET/TICKET PRICE

Brian recapped the work of the gala budget sub-committee (Brian, Carolyn, Wendy, Jess, Carole) created at the July 29 meeting.

Jess has found out that we have to charge GST on tickets and merchandise (sales will be greater than \$50,000).

Jess went over the revised budget.

CONCLUSIONS: If we sell early bird tickets at \$80, there will be a loss. Because of the new GST expense and lack of contingency fund, there is no flexibility in the budget.

Sub-Committee Recommendation: the early bird ticket price be raised to \$85.

MOTION: Rick moved, seconded by Victor: that the Entertainment amount in the budget be changed from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Carried.

MOTION: Jess moved, seconded by Rick: the early bird gala ticket be sold for \$85.00 + GST for the first 1,000 tickets bought on or before November 15, 2009. Carried.

MOTION: Jess moved, seconded by Dani: to accept the budget as amended. Carried.

MOTION: Jess moved, seconded by Victor: the non-early bird gala ticket price be \$100 + GST. Carried.

6. REUNION MUSIC COORDINATOR

Rick Hemmerling outlined his proposal for the reunion music coordinator.

- work with each committee to determine their music needs.
- coordinate coffee house entertainment
- liaise with gala performers re their musical requirements
- organize an alumni choir if sufficient interest
- meet with the school's music teachers to see what entertainment could be provided

MOTION: Victor moved, seconded by Dani that Rick Hemmerling be the music coordinator for the coffee house, gala and Sunday events. Carried.

TASK: Carolyn will bring a list of other gala performers to the September 14 meeting for committee discussion.

7. GALA REGISTRATION

Carolyn talked about info she needs for gala from registration form.

7.1 Ticket Purchase Guidelines

Discussion: can a guest buy unlimited social/gala tickets; does everyone have to pay a registration fee to attend reunion events.

MOTION: Chris moved, seconded by Wendy—attendees must register to get tickets to the gala and social; registrants can buy only one additional ticket for the gala and social. A guest (with a registered alumnus) can attend the coffee house and pancake breakfast at no charge. Carried.

8. REGISTRATION

Maria and Carole will contact Garden City, Polo Park and St. Vital malls to arrange for registration dates before the September meeting. A draft registration form will be presented at September meeting.

Discussion: PayPal fees for credit card registrations and sales; late registration fees

MOTION: Gloria moved, seconded by Victor: that we only accept cheques and money orders (US funds at par, or Canadian \$) mailed to the school. Carried.

MOTION: Victor moved, seconded by Dani: we charge a \$10.00 late registration fee commencing June 1, 2010. Carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sponsorships

TASK: Carolyn and Victor to prepare a strategy for next meeting

- Hotel Confirmations/Airline Discounts

Carolyn provided a list of hotels blocking rooms for reunion guests and explained West Jet and Air Canada's discounts.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2009, 5:00 at St. John's in the staff room

Adjournment: 8:30 pm.

Recorder: Carole Kurdydyk

Reminder: Future MEETINGS

TIME: 5:00 PM LOCATIONS: TBA

MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2009

MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2009

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2009

MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2009