

St. John's High Centennial Reunion  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2010

Present: Sandi Lamont, Sandy Hyman, Brian Burdy, Rick Hemmerling, Corie Seburn, Maria Pikta, Carolyn Rickey, Linda Bulka, Gloria Kropla, Dani Driedger, Johnny Olynyk, Wendy Pinchbeck, Carole Kurdydyk

Regrets: Chris Dewar, Susan Gibb, Yuri Korchynski, Jess Leung, Victor Spigelman, Pam Dart

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Corie, seconded by Sandi L. that the minutes of the February 8 meeting be accepted as written. Carried.

#### Financial Report – Corie

- No change in account; cheques have been received but not yet deposited.
- Paperwork has been given to BMO to add new signing authorities. Carole and Jess to make arrangements to go to the bank.
- Brian raised a concern about the revenue stream to date. We need to be cautious about our expenditures and begin rethinking existing budgets on new estimates.

Discussion: Chairs need to identify upcoming expenses, so they can be matched to budgets.

Chairs have not received up dated budgets at this point from Jess.

TASK: Carole and Brian to contact Jess requesting current revised budgets for each chair and arrange a meeting soon to go over individual budgets.

#### Memory Book – Pam

- Absent, no report sent.

#### Marketing – Sandy H.

- The Winnipeg Free Press will run three ½ page ads for us at no charge. Thanks to Harry Walsh for arranging this and Ron Stern for his support. The first two will be information based, possibly with interviews. The last will recognize and thank sponsors.
- Myron Love from the *The Jewish Post* will write an article interviewing a former student and teacher.
- Sandy is looking for contacts with other ethnic papers.

TASK: Carolyn will mail her list to Sandy.

Discussion: Sandy has been approached about donations for the school. People are asking about specific items/projects instead of general funding. It was suggested the staff identify areas money could be used.

- Marcy Markusa of CBC radio interviewed Monty Hall on February 17.

TASK: Carolyn to send contact names for Big Breakfast on CityTv to Sandy.

### Future Meeting Dates

- March 8 (NOTE: March 1 meeting cancelled), March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17.
- Other meetings in May and June to be scheduled as necessary.

### Sunday – Brian

- A military parade first suggested by Sam Singer is not possible because of the tent in the field. Also, all the militia and cadets are unavailable because of summer training and school exams.
- Brian has spoken to officer at McGregor Armories about alternate ideas. They might be able to put together an honour guard for a smaller ceremony.
- Other suggestions:
  - set up a memorial site at the tent and hold service there
  - ask members from area legions to attend
  - parade from school to McGregor Armories
- Brian will meet with Sam for further discussion. Will also talk to Scott Wiley, community police officer from the school.

### Video Presentation

- Brian obtained permission from the producer of the MTS St. John's History show, that was made for TV, to include parts of this video in the slide show George Bravo is making
- The distributor has also offered to make copies of the MTS CD; approx \$5 each. To be discussed at a later date.
  
- Thanks to Chris for arranging a breakfast with some retired teachers. There will be "teachers in the tent". Chris will coordinate this with a group of former teachers.

### Web Update - Yuri

- A copy of Yuri's report was sent to chairs today.
- Discussion: People want to know who from their class is attending. Should attendees' names be posted (arranged by decades)?
- Concerns raised about confidentiality and getting permission from registrants.

MOTION: Johnny, seconded by Maria that we look into the feasibility of listing people's names on the website if volunteers can be found to manage lists. Carried.

- Can video clips be added to the site?

TASK: Brian to talk to Yuri.

### Coffee House - Rick/Gloria

- Another performer will appear.
- TASK: Brian to book staging for the junior gym.

### WSD liquor policy

- Brian has spoken to the Chief Superintendent's secretary who said it is possible to get a liquor licence for reunions or retirements only. The superintendent must give permission first.

TASK: Brian will send a letter requesting permission.

### Tent

- Brian has a contract from Norwood Tent and Awning, \$2,000 including tax.

- He continues to work with Winnipeg School Division staff to ensure all processes are completed. Liability insurance is still needed.

#### Registration - Maria

- Totals: 449 registrations. Tickets: 609 gala, 424 social, 518 coffee, 482 breakfast.
- All confirmations have been mailed.
- Mall dates: Kildonan Place - May 1; Grant Park - March 26, 27; Garden City has been sold; Maria's contacted the new owners but hasn't been given dates.
- Discussion about a call received from Winnipeg Limousine service. Brian will pursue.

#### Souvenirs - Wendy/Gloria

- E-store: Set up cost, \$250; start up, \$49.99, monthly, \$22. Hope site active for March 1. Still have to find out how GST works.
- Only clothing will be sold on line. Ten items will be available. Yuri is testing the link, using the Tiger Store as link image.
- Gloria has given Maria a book to look at for registration bag goodies. These items can be purchased from any supplier.
- Suggestion that aprons be made for breakfast helpers. Sandy has a contact; will send to Brian.

#### Social - Wendy

- New contact at Canad Inn.
- She has received info and a list of requests from Bed of Roses. Cost: \$1,000 for band members; the lead singer, an alumnus is giving his time. Time and length of performance is flexible.
- A music man is included with the venue, having this band could attract recent alumni.

MOTION: Moved by Sandy Hyman, seconded by Rick that we contract Bed of Roses to play at the social subject to final contract terms. Carried.

#### Gala - Carolyn

- Nothing new to report.

#### Sponsors - Victor

- Absent, no report sent.

#### Volleyball - Dani

- A group from the 80's has entered. Dani will check with Maria to confirm all have registered.

#### Other Business

- Reunion daily schedule: Carole will collect details from chairs and have a draft ready at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Next meeting: March 8, 5:00 p.m. at St. John's staff room