

St. John's High Centennial Reunion  
Steering Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2009 - St. John's Staff Room

Present: Brian Burdy, Yuri Korchynski, Dani Driedger, Gloria Kropla, Rick Hemmerling, Carolyn Rickey, Chris Dewar, Maria Pikta, Sandi Lamont, Sue Gibb, Corie Seburn, Victor Spigelman, Jess Leung, Wendy Pinchbeck, Johnny Olynyk, Carole Kurdydyk  
Regrets: Linda Bulka, Pam Dart, Sandy Hyman, Diane Zack

Meeting called to order at 5:08.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Change to January 18 minutes: add Corie Seburn to *Present* list.

**Motion:** Corie moved, seconded by Rick, that the minutes be accepted as amended. Carried.

**Financial Report - Corie**

- Carole and Corie will visit BMO to change signing authorities. A letter signed by Corie and Gloria will add Jess and Carole and remove Randy as a signer.
- \$55,000 has been transferred to a high interest account with Manulife Bank. Remaining balance about \$19,000.
- No donations have been received for the Wall.

**Sponsorships - Victor**

- The original solicitation letter has been changed. Victor is now requesting cheques be mailed to him instead of donors waiting for a follow-up call.
- Sponsors have been found for volleyball shirts and water.
- Having success with \$100-a-table donations for the gala and for the golf tournament.
- Before contacting any potential sponsor, send Victor an email!

**Memory Book - Pam**

- No report sent.

**Marketing - Brian and Carole**

- Ad ran in the community papers last week; be interesting to track response.

**TASK:** Brian to send Carolyn a copy of the PSA.

- Questions for Manitoba Homecoming 2010: is it possible to be included in an Ace Burpee TV ad; any developments on the newspaper article on reunions this year?
- Any word from Harry Walsh re Free Press advertisement?

**TASK:** Carole to follow up with Manitoba Homecoming and Harry Walsh.

**Archives - Sue**

- She has met with staff department heads updating them on our last meeting.
- Possible locations of decade rooms: 1910's, 20's, 30's - library; 40's, 50's - art rooms; 60's, 70's - dance studio; 80's, 90's, 00's - larger rooms on third floor. Staff room will be the hospitality room. It will be a focal point for staff memorabilia.
- Cataloguing of memorabilia and organizing decade boxes is continuing. Looking for music, clothing for the decades.

**Alumni Wall**

- Sponsorship donations: 11 bronze, 2 gold and 2 platinum.
- 27 individual plaques and 13 family plates
- Another section of the wall will be up by March.
- Possibly have a student with forms available during reunion.

### **Digital Yearbooks**

- Will copies be available? Is this feasible?
- Victor will look into this based on his experience scanning the 1974 book. Is there a group at the school that might be interested in this very time-consuming project?
- If scanning can be done, we will consider selling yearbook DVD'S.

**TASK:** Brian will check with the school to see if scanning can be done by students.

### **Souvenirs - Wendy**

- A new supplier has been found, DJ Levy. Samples were shown. There are no minimums on apparel but there will be on trinkets. DJ will also ship directly to purchasers.
- Gloria and Wendy are meeting with him on Saturday to discuss products and items for registration bags.
- Prices will be obtained after quality is determined for golf shirts, sweatshirts and T-shirts.
- Question: Is it possible to mention Winnipeg on the clothing? Suggested that "St. John's High School, Winnipeg" go on back of the t-shirts. Also, need to consider having the old school somewhere on the souvenirs.

### **Web Site – Yuri**

- Site changes include a new Gala page and updating the News page.
- Monty Hall – photo and text needed. Brian will call Monty.
- Hotel info – Wendy and Carolyn were asked to check info currently posted in current.
- Ticket availability – should numbers be posted? Decision: not necessary at this time.
- E-store prototype – sample link available for committee preview. Yuri will discuss more with Wendy and Gloria.
- MB Homecoming – hasn't sent data/link yet. Carole to inquire.
- Sponsors page – when sponsors have been identified, a page will be added. Send all logos to Victor who will forward to Yuri.
- Golf tournament – Victor and Yuri have started on content.
- Suggestion to list volunteers for the mall displays. Maria to work with Yuri.

### **Coffee House/Music – Rick**

- Still room for more performers to play; can accommodate 9 groups. Rick is allowing each a minimum 15 minutes playing time.
- Rick hopes to use school's sound equipment.
- Numbers – how do we handle? Ideas: the junior gym could have a second stage; overflow could go into a tent.

**TASK:** Brian to order maximum number of tables and chairs; also put in a permit for each day of reunion and early registration pick-up dates.

#### **Gala Music**

- Rick is stepping down as choir director. Richard Yaffe will now be the conductor; Rick will be the rehearsal conductor. Rick will still handle any inquiries.

**TASK:** Yuri to change director's name on web site.

**TASK:** Rick and Richard will draft an email message asking for experienced choristers, to be sent to Yuri for a mass mailing.

- Rick has reviewed the band's contract. Question: Can an archival recording of the gala be made? To be pursued.
- Further clarification/discussion needed for recording and possibly selling CD's of evening.
- Carolyn has forwarded Burton's equipment list to Rick to look after.

**TASK:** Brian to look into paying royalties for music for slide show and use of the MTS documentary.

**TASK:** Jess to sign contract for the Findlay band this week.

### **Beer and Wine**

- Brian asked Linda Bulka after the last meeting if a liquor permit could be obtained for Thursday night.
- The new superintendent may not approve liquor licenses. Brian has left a message but hasn't received a reply.

- Clarification is needed as to liability in case of accident.
- Suggested by Gloria that liquor be kept out of the coffee house. A new volunteer would be needed to run the beer garden if we go with this idea. Further discussion pending reply from the Chief Superintendent.

**TASK:** Brian to find out about serving liquor on school property and who has liability. He'll report at the next meeting.

#### **Tent**

- Brian is going to Norwood Tent and Awning to inquire about renting a 60 x 140 ft tent.
- We have a tentative go-ahead from the school division, but more steps need to be completed. Brian is working with the school division staff.
- There will be extra charges for: engineering report, city permit, security, and a health and safety certificate (necessary for Sunday breakfast).

#### **Registration – Maria**

- Totals: 421 registrations, 574 gala tickets; 391 social; 493 coffee house and 461 pancake breakfast.
- Discussion on refunds. Decision: It may not be possible to refund registration or ticket money if the committee has already made a commitment/payment based on that registration.
- Maria will draft text to send regarding registration refunds. As for now—stay with our current process.
- No new mail dates; Maria will book some this week.

#### **Gala – Carolyn**

**MOTION:** Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Johnny Olynyk, that we ask Karen Toole to say grace at the gala. Carried.

- Suggestions: we also ask her to say a toast to the Queen.

**TASK:** Brian and Carole to send letter.

#### **Techonian – Carole**

- Diane is not able to be the editor of the reunion Techonian.
- She has suggested a copy of an award-winning copy 1967 paper be included in the registration package. Committee liked the idea; to be pursued at a later time.
- A daily Techonian is still planned for the reunion. An editor and writers are needed. If anyone is interested, contact Carole.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Recorder: Carole Kurdydyk

**Next meeting: February 22, 5:00 at St. John's staff room**