

St. John's High Centennial Reunion
Steering Committee Meeting
January 18, 2010

Present: Brian Burdy, Sue Gibb, Chris Dewar, Dani Driedger, Sandi Lamont, Marie Zorniak, Rick Hemmerling, Carolyn Rickey, Linda Bulka, Carole Kurdydyk

Regrets: Victor Spigelman, Gloria Kropla, Wendy Pinchbeck, Yuri Korchynski, Pam Dart, Jess Leung, Sandy Hyman

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

Approval of January 4 minutes

Changes to be made as follows:

- Rick Hemmerling should be added to the regrets list.
- The second bulleted item under gala should read "A meeting is being organized this week to look at AV proposals".

MOTION: Chris Dewar seconded by Dani Driedger that the minutes be accepted as revised. Carried.

Welcome to Colleen Balsillie, Parent Council President and assistant to MLA Gord Macintosh

- Members of the St. J Parent Council will help in the pancake breakfast
 - She suggested a member statement could be read by Gord in the House promoting the reunion. The house resumes sitting in February. Someone on the committee could write the statement. Colleen will find out about the process for a statement and will advise us.
 - A proclamation could also be written for Gord which would later be placed in the school.
 - The school has paid for 4 members of council to attend the reunion.
 - Send Colleen any opportunities for Gord to participate/attend the reunion.
- TASK:** Brian and Carole will notify Colleen re opportunities
Brian and Carole will meet with Colleen to work on the draft for the member statement.
- Brian extended thanks to Gord for all the support given the reunion.

Gala – Carolyn Rickey

- Sound/AV: the subcommittee (Jess, Carolyn, Rick and Carole) met January 8 to review 6 quotes. Only 2 were complete quotes and close in price. Carolyn contacted both to negotiate price changes. Recommendation: AVent Pro be selected to provide sound/lighting services for the gala.

Motion: Carolyn Rickey, seconded by Rick Hemmerling that we accept the quote from AVent Pro. Carried.

Discussion: is a Certificate of Insurance required? Linda Bulka will check for insurance coverage with Tom Bobby of WSD.

Coffee House/Choir/Band - Rick

- Five acts for the coffee house, no problems filling the evening with entertainment

TASK: Brian to ask Jess to look over contract for band for gala. Jess to contact Rick with any questions.

- The vocal jazz group is keen to sing at the gala.

Coffee House Discussion

- Venue – can we use the school? Linda reported that the Division is 98% sure the sink hole is just under the quiet study hall; cafeteria can be used for exams freeing up the senior gym for reunion use as originally planned.

- How will the gym be set up?
- Rick's guess – similar to tea, entertainment will be on stage.
 - Tables and chairs need to be ordered from the school division. Capacity is 350 if tables fill gym.
 - Marie suggested going with some tables and random seating; increase capacity to 500. Overflow could go into tent(s).
- Those present recommended that beer and wine be sold. Would generate revenue but students could not volunteer at event. The Life Skills kitchen would be used for the bar. A liquor permit will be needed and can be obtained by someone on the coffee house committee.

TASK: Brian will work with Linda Bulka to get permission from the Chief Superintendent of the Winnipeg School Division to get a permit. It is Division policy to get such permission before a permit can be obtained by groups using school premises and serving liquor.
- What are the hours?

TASK: Rick will put in a request to see if the school's sound equipment can be used.

TASK: Sandi will ask the teachers' band to play.

Registration

- Maria absent, report read.
- Totals as of January 17: 349 registrations, 489 gala tickets, 321 social tickets; coffee house, 425; pancake breakfast, 399. Total revenue: \$59,435 (give or take due to US exchange)
- Corie has been given cheques and is working on a deposit.
- Volunteers are still needed for staffing St. Vital on January 24. Contact Maria!

VIP Invitations

- Who should be invited to the reunion?
- Winnipeg School Division: Chief Superintendent, Superintendent North district, Chair of the Board, three north district trustees.
- Government: Lieutenant Governor, Federal representative, Premier, Mayor, MLA's, aldermen

TASK: Linda to check protocol regarding welcome speech at gala (principal or Board chair)

MOTION: Rick Hemmerling, seconded by Carolyn Rickey that people to be invited to the reunion, with registration fee waived and able to purchase tickets for the gala and social, be: three North District school trustees, Chief Superintendent WSD, Gord Mackintosh and Judy Wasylycia-Leis. Carried.

MOTION: Carolyn Rickey, seconded Rick Hemmerling that the following people be invited to bring greetings and be offered a complimentary and guest ticket for the gala: Lieutenant Governor, representative of the federal government, premier and mayor. Carried.

TASK: Brian and Carole to send letters.

TASK: Chris will invite former teachers and staff as a fellow former teacher on behalf of the committee. She'll send a letter and brochure.

Financial – Corie

- The WCC has been paid a second deposit for \$5,000.

- Balance January 18, \$51,763.28, one deposit outstanding.
- Alumni Wall: \$2,800 (Children's Heritage Fund) and \$2,158.23 (reunion account).
Working balance: \$49,605.05
- Income from registrations: \$50,907.19
- Moving account: no action taken to date.
- Brian and Carole to scout out different financial institutions with Corie.

Comps for Gala Performers

Discussion: should we pay for more than their gala tickets?

MOTION: Rick Hemmerling, seconded by Carolyn Rickey, that we pay full registration packages for the gala headliners, Burton Cummings, Colleen Savage, Ken Kostick and Monty Hall. Carried.

Volleyball – Dani

- Has a registration form to be sent to Yuri for posting.
- Honorary coaches would be a great addition to the tournament.

Archives – Sue

- Where will decade rooms be set up? Looking at 8 rooms, with the early years in the library, other rooms on the 3rd floor.
- Start looking at a map of the school for the registration package.
- Talked about possible uses for the dance studio on the 2nd floor.
- Sue has the names of groups doing each room.
- Rooms will be open: Thursday p.m. – 10-9; Saturday, 10-2; Sunday, 10-4.

TASK: Brian to contact Yuri to ask for items for rooms in mass email in addition to other reunion update info.

COMMITTEE TASK: send ideas or donations/contributions for decade rooms to Sue. Put names on all items so they can be returned. Original photos would be best for memory book.

Class/Year Photos – Brian

- LifeTouch is ready to go with class pictures on Sunday and formal ones at the gala. They'll have multiple photographers.
- A proposal will be ready mid-February.

Suggestion: Brian inquire about aerial pictures for Sunday.

Memory Book

- Pam absent. February 1 is the date for memory book submissions.

Souvenirs

- Wendy and Gloria absent. Questions arising from January 15 email from Gloria and Wendy:
 - Are we selling everything in attached file
 - When will samples be ready
 - When will you meet with Maria to discuss registration package items
 - Where will items be sold

- Will there be different clothing for committee members
- What item is being considered for volunteers
- What is the cost of the web site?

TASK: Carole will send questions to Gloria and Wendy.

Marketing

Sandy absent. Brian and Carole reported.

MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010

- Victor, Brian and Carole met with Kevin Walters, Vanessa Macrae, Karen Ilchena and journalism student Kelly on January 13. We updated them about reunion activities and guests at gala.
- Because Monty Hall has been mentioned in their advertisements, and we have confirmed his attendance at the reunion, Kevin will contact Ace Burpee about taping a Homecoming interview with him.
- 2000 lanyards have been donated by MB Homecoming. We will acknowledge their contribution with ads in the memory book and reunion Techonian.
- Four schools are having reunions this year; three having their 50th. Kevin is considering an article for the Free Press with St. John's 100th featured.
- MB Homecoming will continue to display reunion info on their web site.
- We will have Homecoming material available during our mall registrations.

TASK: Carole to send Karen's contact info to Yuri for further internet involvement on both sides.

SHAW TV

- Shaw is taping a segment about the school's annual basketball tournament. This year it was called the Tiger Classic Centennial Basketball tournament. Brian and the coach were interviewed.
- This Friday, a reporter from the North End Times is in the school writing about the tournament.

TASK: Ask Shaw if we can get a copy of the tape.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

- Brian will prepare an ad for the Free Press to run before the end of the month.

TASK: Carolyn will send Brian her contact info for the FP, and will ask Laurie Mustard to mention reunion in his column.

MEETING WITH HARRY WALSH – Chris

- Report read about meeting with Harry on January 22. He is willing to participate in reunion in any way. He's being interviewed by Chris, Sue and George Bravo this Thursday.

Discussion: including Harry in the closing ceremony "Passing the Torch". The committee endorsed this idea.

New Business

- Email from Alan Freedman: Grapes Restaurant, 1890 Pembina Highway and Bishop Grandin will offer a 15% discount for meals (except on tax and tips) from June 15 to June 21.
- Email from Vi Sandford: regarding Walter Phillips, a St. John's teacher during the 20's who became a noted Canadian artist. Her husband has produced a video about Mr.

Phillips and she asks if we'd like to show it during the reunion. The committee agreed to include the movie during the weekend.

TASK: Carole to contact Vi indicating our interest.

- Andrea Herbert-Lugsden will be coordinating reunion volunteers. Thanks Andrea!

TASK: Carole to invite Andrea to the next meeting.

- Email from Russ Gurluck: progress on book; where will \$5 donation from each book sold go? Committee endorsed giving the money to the school library. Carole will notify Russ of decision.
- Conversation with Earl Barish: possible involvement of Salisbury House. Brian and Carole to meet Earl mid-February for further discussion.
- Jay Warner has retired from St. John's and is interested in volunteering.

Thanks to everyone for your great work and a very productive meeting!

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 5:00 at St. John's staff room.

Recorder: Carole Kurdydyk