

St. John's Centennial Reunion Meeting
January 19, 2009
Location: St. John's High School Staff Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 20 present: J. Olynick, B. van der Vis, Y. Korchynski, J. Leung, G. and M. MacDonald, R. Meyers, S. Cohen, B. Burdy, E. Toffan, R. George, L. Shore, C. Dewar, L. McLean, C. Smith, S. Gibb, B. Sutherland, S. Singer, C. Rickey, C. Kurdydyk

Chairs were introduced and talked about their committee's activities:

- Susan Gibb – update on Alumni Wall
- Chris Dewar – retired teachers' tea in May, putting yearbooks on CD, interviewing alumni
- Brian Burdy – Sunday events – breakfast, closing
- Yuri Korchynski – Web site, database
- Barbara van der Vis – plans for Thursday coffee house, to be organized by Rick Hemmerling
- Alan Freedman – Friday events. The 2009 Alumni Golf Tournament will be at Larters on Tuesday, July 14. Cost approximately \$135 which includes lunch, golf, cart, dinner and lots of prizes.
- Carolyn Rickey – Saturday gala – dinner, show and dance. Cocktails start at 5:00; dinner at 6:00. Ken Kostick has been confirmed as the MC; Burton Cummings will be one of the entertainers. Recent winners of the school's talent show will also perform.

Treasurer's Report – bank balance November 30, \$6,526.16; \$2,049.35 is designated for the alumni wall.

What's happened since the last meeting (June 2):

- Executive and chairs have met throughout the summer to decide 2010 events and prepare budgets
- Meeting with Kevin Walters, Executive Director of Manitoba Homecoming 2010
- A special meeting was held with Russ Gourluck, who is writing a new book about the North End.
- An invitation will be sent to the Student Council presidents to attend the next meeting.

General Discussion:

- Update on address list. It was reported there were only 800 plus names collected to date. Concerns were expressed that the "word" is not getting out fast enough. A suggestion was made to have a notice e-mail sent to all on record asking each person to send an e-mail to at least two people they know to inform them about the reunion with an encouragement to register their names on line. The consensus was that this would be a good idea. Yuri said he would do this. No timeline given.
- Sponsorships – to be discussed at next chairs' meeting
- Contacting MP's and MLA's to promote reunion.

- Sam Singer raised the idea of a philatelic (stamps from 1910-2010) display during the reunion. The group endorsed the idea.
- Volunteers are needed on all committees to make a successful reunion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 in the staff room.