

St. John's High Centennial Reunion
Steering Committee Meeting
January 4, 2010

Present: Brian Burdy, Sue Gibb, Sandy Hyman, Maria Pikta, Jess Leung, Chris Dewar, Dani Driedger, Sandi Lamont, Carole Kurdydyk

Regrets: Victor Spigelman, Gloria Kropla, Wendy Pinchbeck, Diane Zack, Yuri Korchynski, Pam Dart, Carolyn Rickey

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. Happy New Year!

Approval of December 7 minutes

Changes to be made as follows:

- Sandi Lamont should be added to those present.
- Sandi's job description to be modified as follows: Sandi will receive all requests for volunteers and coordinate with Alan Stargardtner.

MOTION: Sandy Hyman seconded by Dani Driedger that the minutes be accepted as revised. Carried.

Web Site

- Yuri absent, no report.

Gala

- Carolyn absent, no report.
 - OrgaAnizing a meeting is being organized this week to look at AV proposals.
- TASK:** Maria and Carolyn to discuss printouts needed from database for the gala.
- Registration pick-up at the school will be on: June 5, 10 – 4, June 15, 17, 18 and 19.

Coffee House/Choir

- Rick absent, report read.
- Five acts for the coffee house; four interested in the alumni choir.

Registration – Maria

- Email confirmations have been sent; others will be mailed this week.
- Deadline date for seating requests was omitted; will be inserted before next mailing.
- New numbers: 286 registrations, 402 gala tickets, 168 social tickets. Revenue: \$49,292
- Corie has been given cheques and is working on deposit.
- Message from Karen Toole read. Agreement she would be excellent choice to give blessing as gala. **TASK:** Maria will forward message to Carolyn.
- Grant Wuckert and Bud Ulrich expressed interest in volunteering. **TASK:** Message to be forwarded to Carole.
- Registrants have been asking about hotel reservations. **TASK:** Carole to send hotel info to Maria info. Will follow up with Carolyn, Wendy and Yuri re posting list on web.

- **Refund Policy Decision:** Maria will have leeway to determine whether or not a refund should be given.
- Mall registrations:
 - Sunday, January 24 has been booked at St. Vital Centre (policy is to book one date in a year per organization). No response from Polo Park. Other dates will be booked for Garden City.
 - Early-bird gala ticket price has been removed from brochure and registration form.
TASK: Carole to send files to school for printing and a copy to Yuri to change the web version.
 - Maria will go to the school weekly to pick up the mail.

Memory Book

- Pam absent; report read. **TASK:** Carole to ask Pam to set specific deadline dates for submissions and mail directly to all concerned.

Souvenirs

- Wendy and Gloria absent; report read.
- Jess to confirm entertainment cost in budget.
MOTION: Chris Dewar, seconded by Dani, if feasible, to approve expenditure of \$1,000 to hire Bed of Roses to play at social. Carried.
- Discussion: questions were raised about the band that were not answered in the report. It was decided that more information was needed from Wendy before a decision is made.
MOTION: Sandy Hyman, seconded by Jess that the motion to approve expenditure to hire Bed of Roses be rescinded. Carried.

Marketing – Sandy

- CTV contact has not yet responded to Sandy's email.
TASK: Sandy and Carole will meet to discuss PSA content.
TASK: Carole to send Sandy Marni Larkin's contact in.
DECISION: an advertisement should be placed in the Free Press and community papers by the end of January. Saturday was the suggested day.
- Brian will contact Linda Wilson at the WSD office to see if she can help.

Financial – Jess, Corie

- Corie absent, no report.
- Still no response from BMO regarding account concerns.
MOTION: Jess, seconded by Chris that the committee move the account from BMO to a credit union or bank convenient for Corie. Carried.

Volleyball Tournament – Dani

- Two messages have been received; she's waiting for replies.
- One team from the 70's has been set; teams from the school are welcome

Sunday events – Brian

- Victor is looking into a sponsor for the breakfast
- DeLuca's will charge \$1,000 for use of two coffee carts; no limits on amount of coffee served. Victor has potential sponsor for one cart.
- Slide Show – Brian is meeting with George Bravo this week. Concerns about background music to be used during show. There may be copyright issues.

TASK: Carole to ask Ron Meyers to call Brian regarding music copyright/royalties.

Archives/History – Chris

- Chris has finished draft school history and has circulated for comments.
- She will contact Pam to see if current version is appropriate for memory book.

DISCUSSION: “Teachers in a Tent” – Chris and Brian to pursue this idea. Teachers could be asked to serve at breakfast.

School News – Sue Gibb

- 2nd floor is not available Thursday afternoon and Friday because of middle years' exams. Will affect setup of decade rooms.
- Brian Marks is setting up a room to highlight Tiger football
- Sue will be attending a department heads meeting to discuss decade rooms and what's been done so far.
- Teachers have been asking for suggestions for what to put into rooms.

COMMITTEE TASK: bring ideas for decade rooms for the January 18 meeting

Other Business

- General discussion on importance of all chairs attending the steering committee meetings. The success of the reunion is dependent upon everyone participating in decision making discussions. As we get closer to June, many key decisions will have to be made.

TASK: Co-chairs were directed to contact those who have not been attending meetings and find out why.

- The Convention Centre will be advertising the gala the week of January 11.
- December 21 email from Victoria Lehman re: Los Angeles alumni was talked about.

DECISION: Discuss special recognition for alumni at next meeting

DISCUSSION: Dinners for the MC and headline performers at the gala.

MOTION: Jess, seconded by Maria that the committee provides dinner at the gala for Ken Kostick, Burton Cummings, Colleen Savage and one guest. Carried.

TASK: Co-chairs to write a letter notifying Ken, Burton and Colleen.

- Sandi Lamont will talk to Lisa Sheridan at the school about an art display.

COMMITTEE TASK for next meeting: think about who 'special' invitations should be sent to (dignitaries, noted alumni, etc.).

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: January 18, 5:00 at St. John's staff room

Recorder: Carole Kurdydyk