

St. John's High School Centennial Reunion Committee
Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. There were 19 present.

Treasurer's Report – Corie Seburn: The bank balance at May 31 is \$6,571.61. Of this amount, \$1,049.35 is dedicated to the alumni wall. Recent expenditures: \$800 for Wall name plaques and cabinet.

Old Business

Social: Congratulations to Marni Larkin and Suzie Matenchuk for organizing and running the March social. \$3,339.40 was raised.

Name Noted: St. John's Alumni 2010 has been registered with the Corporations Branch as the committee's legal name. Corie Seburn and Carole Kurdydyk are the designated signers.

Committee Reports

Finance – Jess Leung: meetings have been held with committee chairs. Budget will be in place by September.

Golf - Alan Freedman. 60 committed golfers, 2 for dinner and 14 hole sponsors but not all have paid. Alan has invoices for new hole sponsors. Two more mass emails will be sent out before the tournament (July 15). If anyone wants to golf, donate prizes or sponsor a hole, contact Alan!

Alumni Wall – Sue Gibb: Two display cases and the first section of the wall are up. Name plates are ready; Sue will pick up for the June 20th media blitz. To keep costs down, Sue hopes to setup a running tab for name plates. An alumnus from 1948-49 will be dropping some of her archives at school for committee.

Publicity and Promotions – Marni Larkin and Suzie Matenchuk. Report read by Carole Kurdydyk. A PR request form has been developed for all printing and announcements. Carole will send a copy to all chairs.

Souvenirs – Johnny Olynyk: looking at different suppliers to compare cost and availability. Suggested business cards be printed for committee chairs.

Executive – Carole Kurdydyk: Welcome to new members Linda Bulka and Alan Freedman. Once all budget meetings are completed, exec will meet with Carolyn Rickey to go over needs and look for best suppliers.

Memorial Parade – Sam Singer: has made a wreath and bought ribbons for ceremony. Would like a general letter of introduction and a letter for General Monash legion; it was suggested he meet with Brian Burdy in September.

Sam circulated a program he's prepared for the memorial service. Placing pictures of fallen soldiers on the Alumni Wall was mentioned; to be considered.

Linda Bulka: a brass plaque from the old school is being cleaned by division staff and will be mounted inside the Church Avenue doors. It was suggested the plaque be unveiled at the retired teachers' tea in spring 2009.

New Business

- Because of family illness, Carol Strike is unable to continue as committee secretary. Anyone interested should contact Carole Kurdydyk or any exec member.
- Contact Carole K. if you need reunion letterhead (or would like the original file).
- Database access and use – Yuri Korchynski: Federal and provincial laws have been passed to protect personal information. It is our obligation to respect these laws and protect the privacy of alumni registered on the database. Copies of the list will not be distributed to committee members. If chairs wish to send messages, send text to Yuri who will do the mailing. Please note: only one file can be attached to a message.
The text on the web site should clearly state personal info will not be distributed. Victoria will check the current wording and contact Yuri if changes are needed.
- MTS Allstream project – Linda Bulka: St. John's was selected as one of 5 schools to be profiled for an upcoming film series. A crew spent a day filming at the school; Linda was interviewed, as were students and current and former teachers. The film was to be released after the May long weekend on MTS TV's Winnipeg on Demand service. A copy will be sent to the school, which we can use to promote the reunion.
- Legacy: Victoria Lehman will spearhead this committee. Purpose to solicit donations from business to support kids in the school. Victoria and Carole will draft a letter to be sent to Monty Hall, asking him to be honorary chair. A special Legacy letterhead should also be designed.
- Registration: Gloria Kropla would like names of people who have organized class reunions. She will ask them to forward reunion messages to their contact lists.
- 2009 Kick Off - ideas discussed:
 - Techonian: a special fall issue will be sent to all registered alumni.
 - Retired Teachers' tea. To be held in spring 2009. Chris Dewar has volunteered as organizer.
 - St. John's Idol. A talent evening with all 'winners' given the chance to perform at the 2010 gala.
 - Malls blitz: set up booths in shopping centers for registration/information purposes.
 - *The Torch Award* would recognize alumni who have outstanding volunteer service; a distinguished professional career, or accomplishments in a special field such as science, medicine, technology, education, etc. Candidates would be nominated by other alumnae or staff. Awards would be presented at a lunch or afternoon reception. This would be a fundraiser for the Legacy fund.
- Author Russ Goureluck will begin writing a new book this summer about the North End. He met with the exec in March and would like to interview St. John's alumni for the book, to be published in spring 2010. A book outline and contact info were given out; information will be posted on our web site this July.
- All committee chairs are to submit 'volunteer job descriptions' to Carole as soon as possible. We'd like to post the 2010 events on the web this summer. It would be helpful for potential volunteers to see where they could help and what they would be doing.
- Travel Manitoba Homecoming 2010 chair has been contacted about including the reunion in this promotion.
- A sample business card will be prepared for the next meeting.
- Estimates will be obtained for a reunion banner for the outside of the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.