

St. John's High Centennial Reunion
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010

Present: Corie Seburn, Sandi Lamont, Sandy Hyman, Chris Dewar, Dani Driedger, Johnny Olynyk, Sam Singer, Brian Burdy, Carole Kurdydyk

Regrets: Rick Hemmerling, Gloria Kropla, Wendy Pinchbeck, Jess Leung, Yuri Korchynski, Pam Dart, Sue Gibb, Linda Bulka, Carolyn Rickey

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Previous Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Corie Seburn, seconded by Sandy Hyman to accept the minutes from the February 22 meeting as written. Carried.

Financial Report – Corie Seburn

- Working balance - \$30,616.56. Alumni Wall balance - \$2,308.23. Recent Wall donations have been made through The Children's Heritage Fund.
- Carole has been added as a signatory; Jess remains.
- \$10,000 payment to the WCC is due March 12. Next payment is \$15,000 on April 30.

Budgets – Brian Burdy, Carole Kurdydyk

- Brian, Jess and Carole met March 6 to review budgets.
- Based on the registration numbers to date (505 registrations, 673 gala, 490 social, 591 breakfast), and additional expenses incurred, the August 2009 budgets must be revised.
TASK: All committee chairs will be sent copies of their budget to be updated and returned to Carole by March 14.
- Sponsorship discussion: concerns expressed about lack of information on sponsors and donations. Should a small sub-committee be formed to brainstorm and help Victor contact potential donors? Should committee members solicit donations and then contact Victor or vice versa?
TASK: Carole to ask Victor for a report and to ask that a list of sponsors and contacts be sent to co-chairs.
- Melet Plastics has donated \$500 and will be added to the sponsors list.

Memory Book – Pam Dart

- Pam absent; no report sent.
- Chris has been given a March 15 deadline to submit her report. If anyone knows a classmate who should be acknowledged as a Bright Light, contact Chris.

Marketing - Sandy Hyman, Brian Burdy

- Fred Brick wrote another article in the Free Press on February 5. He's offered to write regular articles for the reunion. Send ideas to Brian.
- *The Free Press* printed an interview with Sophie Shinewald, a graduate from 1931 on March 6. The *Free Press* will publish two more 1/2 page articles free of charge. Discussion on possible topics/interviewees. Sandy will be speaking to Margo Goodhand, *Free Press* editor, about possible content.
- A half page community profile will be published after the reunion at a cost of \$1,500.
- Sandy will also contact Leslie McLaren about additional radio interviews on CBC.
- Chris has spoken to Cheryl Girard from the community newspapers regarding other articles.
- Sandy has contacted Sheldon Mindell about being interviewed for *The Jewish Post* article.

Gala – Carolyn Rickey

- Carolyn absent; no report sent.
- Rick has been asked if choir members will receive a free gala ticket for performing. Unanimous consensus: many people are donating their time to the reunion and are paying for their tickets. Choir members will have to buy a ticket for the gala.
- Question: should elderly alumni have to pay to attend? Unless they can attend as someone's guest, if they want to participate at the reunion, the registration fee will have to be paid. Only people with reunion name tags will be admitted to major events at the school.
- Burton Cummings' band will now be accompanying him at the gala.
- Carole will contact David Chizda at the WCC about questions related to budget.

Registration – Maria Pikta

- Maria absent. No report.
- Carole will call her and get latest numbers to be included in the minutes.
- Registration numbers as of **March 9**: 658 registrations; 744 gala tickets, 551 social tickets, 666 coffee house; 631 breakfast.

North End Social – Wendy Pinchbeck

- Wendy absent. No report.

Sponsors – Victor Spigelman

- Victor absent. No report.

Decade Rooms – Sue Gibb

- Sue absent.
- Sandi Lamont reported progress is being made.

Souvenirs – Gloria Kropla, Wendy Pinchbeck

- Gloria and Wendy absent. No report.
- Souvenir e-store has been added to the web site. Question received about sizing of leather jacket. Is there a different way of sizing jackets, or having a fitting?

Volleyball – Dani Driedger

- Dani has received another registration for the 80's team.
- Is it possible for a former coaches' team to be formed; Sandi will ask Sue.

New Business

- Volunteers - discussion about holding a volunteer evening, perhaps in April. Follow up at next meeting.
TASK: Carole to follow-up on registration forms from spring fling social, early meetings. etc.
- The Paddlewheel Queen has been phoned about giving a discount to reunion participants. Will reply shortly.
- Email from Ron Romanowski. He's still willing to read some of his poems.
DECISION: Ron will be asked to participate in the opening ceremony Thursday night.

Meeting adjourned 6:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 22 at St. John's

Future Meetings:

- April 5
- April 19
- May 3
- May 17