

St. John's High School Reunion Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2010

Present: Brian Burdy, Maria Pikta, Yuri Korchynski, Susan Gibb, Sandi Lamont,
Carolyn Rickey, Victor Spigelman, Corie Seburn, Pam Dart, Dani Driedger,
Rick Hemmerling, Gloria Kropla, Chris Dewar, Sam Singer, Sandy Hyman,
Wendy Pinchbeck, John Olynyk, Carole Kurdydyk

Regrets: Jess Leung, Linda Bulka

Guests: Ivan Poitras, Ben Van Ruiten

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of April 20 Minutes

- Omission: Brian Burdy's name was not included in the Present list.

MOTION: Victor moved, seconded by Rick that the minutes be accepted as amended. Carried.

Sunday Update – Brian Burdy, Sam Singer, Chris Dewar

2.1 Military Ceremony proposal

- Brian introduced and thanked Ivan Poitras and Ben Van Ruiten for attending. Mr. Poitras went over a draft program for the ceremony. It was agreed: that 3 or 4 verses of Amazing Grace would be sung; he will send Rick a CD of the music, and that Chris Dewar would send the list of names on the school memorial plaques to Ivan.

CONSENSUS: We accept the program for the military service as modified.

2.2 Teachers in the Tent – Chris

- Twenty-eight teachers have confirmed their attendance for "T in T".

TASK: Chris to send the names to Carole to be added to the Attendees list on the web.

2.3 Policy Security – Brian

- Brian has been talking to the school's police officer about the need for police security on Sunday. Four would have to be hired. The community resource officer did not think officers would be needed.
- It was suggested that Principal Bulka call the local station on Monday (June 14) and ask to add the reunion to the Monday police roll call. Usually officers will make extra trips to areas mentioned in the roll call.
- The committee agreed that commercial security guards could be hired instead.

Saturday Update – Dani Driedger

- Dani is still receiving emails about the tournament and is telling people to register their team now. She's still trying to put a teachers' team together. Three teams are registered. The time was confirmed as 10 – 2.
- Discussion: Are students interested in running a canteen? No arrangements have been made, but this could be a fund raising opportunity for the school.

TASK: Dani to pursue this with Sandi Lamont.

Financial/Budget Report – Jess Leung, Corie Seburn

- Jess absent.
- Chequing account balance - \$66,750.31; \$2,858 alumni wall; \$5,200 in the children's heritage fund; \$55,000 in the high interest account. \$2,250 has been received in sponsorships (note: 2 cheques given to Corie tonight not included).
- Should some funds be transferred to the high interest account? Consensus: for the short period of time involved, it may not be worth it.
- Donations to the wall have been streaming in. What is the deadline to get a plaque placed before the reunion?

TASK: Sue will find out and get the date posted.

- Each person who gets a sponsor should send info to Yuri for posting.
- Should receipts be given for donations? Yes.

TASK: Victor will draft up a receipt and send to Corie, who will then send to sponsors. Be sure to include name and mailing address.

- Be sure to complete a cheque request form for all payments.

Memory Book – Pam Dart

- If there is an updated sponsors list right now, names can be added to the memory book because it has not yet gone to print. Drop dead date is Friday, May 7.
- When will the whole book be ready for proofing? No date has been given.

Marketing – Sandy Hyman

- Notices have been placed in the Ukrainian media; thanks to Roman Yureniuk for his assistance.
- Brian will speak to his contact at the *Winnipeg Free Press* about the Community Profile feature. Can we arrange for them to come to the reunion? If not, they will print pictures sent to them.
- St. John's Library will be 100 in 2015. Small tabs/flyers will be ready for the reunion, to be put in the registration bags. Two thousand will be printed.
- Thanks to Carolyn for sharing her contact list.

TASK: Carolyn will call Breakfast TV.

- Brian reported that the 2010 yearbook will contain sections about the reunion. He met with the teacher in charge of the yearbook and was told two students on the committee are willing to take candid pictures during the reunion. These could be made into a DVD and sold as a school fundraiser.
- Suggestion: A room be set aside for people to record their thoughts and memories of St. John's (similar to the tea).

Gala – Carolyn Rickey

- Table requests continue to come in, about 60 have been booked. The May 1 deadline has been changed to May 10.
- Rick met with Stacey Roteliuk of the Convention Centre and a rep from AVentPro to discuss staging and table layouts.
- The Lieutenant Governor has confirmed his attendance.
- Schedule for the evening- Invocation, Toast to queen, greetings from the Lt. Governor, greetings from feds, greetings from province, greetings from city, greetings from WSD

superintendent, toast to school, dinner, alumni choir, Colleen Savage, jazz choir, Burton Cummings.

- Half of the room will be used as a dance floor.
- Peak of the Market is donating potatoes for the meal.

North End Style Social – Wendy Pinchbeck

- The Bed of Roses contract has been signed.
- Victor has donated 16 box seats for a Goldeyes' game as the grand prize. Will have arm length draws. Ticket prices TBA.

Coffee House – Rick Hemmerling

- No change in the talent.
- Gloria had suggested that both the senior gym and tent be used as venues; the Teachers' Band and New Soul would play in the tent. The senior gym would be more of a traditional coffee house setup. Rick will poll the entertainers about this new idea.
- Rick is meeting with 2 people on Friday about running each venue.

8.1 Liquor permit and security

- Approval has been received to serve liquor Thursday night; one of the conditions is that police must be hired. Four officers would be required, at a cost of \$84.89 per hour per officer. Gloria calculated costs to see if this would be financially feasible.
CONCLUSION: we may or may not cover our expenses because of the short time the tent would be open and the costs of security.

MOTION: Sandy Hyman moved, seconded by Rick Hemmerling, that we do not sell liquor Thursday night. Carried.

- There will have to be two policemen on the premises Thursday night.

Registration – Maria Pikta

- Current numbers given by Wendy: registered, 1,078; gala, just over 1,200; social, 1,034; coffee house, 1,244, pancake breakfast, 1,203.
- Mall Displays – Kildonan Place had to be cancelled as there weren't enough people to cover all shifts. It is highly unlikely we'd get any more dates now. CONSENSUS: no more mall dates.
- Registration packages – Maria has 2,000 city maps from Winnipeg Transit and 500 pins from the City of Winnipeg. Discussion on items to include.

TASK: Send ideas for package contents to Maria by Friday.

TASK: Maria will bring a plan for registration pickup and a list of registration package items to the next meeting.

Volunteers/Timelines – Brian Burdy

- A detailed list of volunteer jobs for each event/day is needed before we can recruit volunteers.

TASK: chairs to send this list to Carole by May 12. If a list is not received, it is implied no volunteers are needed.

- Carole will contact Andrea Herbert-Lugsdin about helping organize volunteers.

Sponsors and Golf Update – Victor Spigelman

- Golf – no more registrations have been received.
- MOTION: Victor moved, seconded by Carolyn that the alumni golf tournament be cancelled. Carried.
- Corie will send refund cheques to those who have paid.
 - Sponsors: Victor is looking for gala table sponsors.

Decade Rooms – Sue Gibb

- A list of items for the rooms has been prepared. Sue is working on a school map.
- Suggestions: former students and teachers be slotted in some rooms to talk about their time at St. John's; a guest book be placed in each room. We'd use coil books instead of a purchased guest book.
- A room designated for the Techonian was suggested. Decision: Techonians will be included in the appropriate decade room only.

Alumni Wall

- Another display case has been installed. The sign is in progress.
- TASK: Sue to check on latest date to have plaques made to be up by June 17.

Web site – Yuri Korchynski

- Approximately 1,800 in the database.
- If web changes are needed, be sure to send Yuri the following: which page, where on the page and the new content.

Future Meetings

- Next meeting May 18. Meetings will be held weekly as of May 25.

Other Business

- Russ Gourluck's schedule has been confirmed; Carole will forward details to Yuri.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 5:00 in the St. John's Staff Room