

St. John's High School Centennial Reunion
Committee Meeting
September 14, 2009-09-19

Present: Brian Burdy, Rick Hemmerling, Wendy Pinchbeck, Gloria Kropla, Victor Spiegelman,
Chris Dewar, Carolyn Rickey, Linda Bulka, Carole Kurdydyk
Regrets: Diane Zack, Maria Pikta, Susan Gibb
Guest: Brian Marks, teacher/football coach

Brian Burdy called the meeting to order at 5:15.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Moved by Gloria Kropla, seconded by Victor Spigelman that the minutes be accepted as received. Carried

Techonian

- Brian presented Diane's report. Two proposals were explained. The group liked the second suggestion, the "fast track" plan.
- At the registration committee meeting, it was suggested a Techonian be part of the welcome package perhaps with daily updates. Brian will advise Diane of the group's idea.

Registration

- Wendy presented a report from the small group meeting and discussed the budget. The committee proposes a \$40 flat registration fee.
- DECISION: MOTION: Moved by Victor, seconded by Gloria that we accept the registration committee's recommendation of a \$40 registration fee. Carried.

Registration Brochure

- Carole gave out copies of a draft brochure. Suggestions or changes should be sent to her by Friday, September 18.
- The school will print 1,000 copies.
- Brian has asked Linda Bulka if a room at the school could be used by the committee. Linda indicated this would be possible but there are no free phone lines in the school we can use. Victor offered his Winnipeg phone number for reunion messages; to be discussed further.
- Maria has contacted shopping malls in the city. No weekend dates are available until the new year.
- The printed and online registration forms are to be ready for October 1.

Marketing

- Gord Mackintosh invited members of the committee and school to appear on his 2010 constituency calendar. Pictures were taken September 5 in the gym with the Mackintosh family, student Chelsea Zacharias, Sam Singer, Linda Bulka, Brian, Carole and the school mascot.
- Colleen Balsillie, Gord's assistant will send contact information for the St. John's Residence Association to Brian and Carole. Brian has already contacted the group.

- If her schedule permits, Marni Larkin will update the events page for the web site. If she is unable to do so, Wendy and Gloria will take on the job.
- Carolyn has spoken to the Winnipeg Free Press and the community newspapers. Both will run a free ad for each one we purchase. The community papers indicated they would also run reunion stories.
- Manitoba Homecoming 2010 – no news or contact from them. Carole to contact Kevin Walters.
- PR Chairperson – Brian has been in touch with Sandy Hyman who is interested in taking on the position. They will talk more this Thursday.

Presentation to Staff

- Brian attended the September 8 staff meeting. He emphasized the key element to ensure a meaningful success of the anniversary is to involve everyone in the school.
- The teachers will be finding ways to integrate the school history in their programs/curricular outcomes. Ideally everyone will take ownership and pride in this year long celebration. The reunion will be mentioned in student assemblies. Brian has been in touch with the parent council.

Coffee House

- Barbara van der Vis has had to step down from organizing this event; Gloria is now the chair. Rick has confirmed two acts – New Soul and Susan Cham. An email account – stjcoffehouse@gmail.com – has been created for coffee house inquiries. Coffee house hours were discussed 7-10, which will include an opening ceremony. Decision pending on specific times.
- Location considerations – Gloria and Rick would both like to hold coffee house at the school.
- DECISION: The consensus was to hold the coffee house at the school.

Gala

- Hours set at the May 4 meeting were: 5:30-6:30 cocktails; 6:30-8:00 dinner; 8:15-8:45 mingle/break; 8:45 – 10:30 gala show; 10:30 – 1:00 dance. Times will be adjusted as necessary.
- Colleen Savage has been confirmed.
- Rick has been contacting bands to back up the performers and play the dance.
- Carolyn was advised to put a hold on booking the band she approached. The costs will not fit the budget set for the gala

Tiger Football

- 2010 marks 75 years of football at St. John's. Brian Marks is working on a display for the reunion and would like to have the MHSAA Hall of Fame awards at the school during the reunion. He is looking for suggestions for nominees from St. John's.
- DECISION: that Tiger football be included on the website and the induction of St. John's past players to the MHSAA Hall of Fame be scheduled at a time Saturday or Sunday. Decision pending.
- TASK: Carole to send Brian Yuri's contact info.
- MOTION: Gloria seconded by Victor that a Tiger Hall of Fame and MHSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony take place during the reunion. Carried.

Gala, continued.

- Guest Speaker - Motion: moved by Gloria, seconded by John that we invite Chris Walby to be the dinner speaker. Carried.
- TASK: Carole will contact Chris.
- Sponsors – Carolyn circulated possible sponsorship items sheet.
- TASK: Carolyn and Victor will meet and have sponsorship recommendations for the next meeting.
- Silent auction – Carolyn would like 20 packages worth \$500 for the auction.

Web Site Update

- Brian reported for Yuri. Discussion about including chairs' names and email addresses.
TASK: Brian will email all chairs and set a deadline for submitting addresses to Yuri.

Sponsors

- Victor continues to contact potential sponsors for the golf tournament and reunion.
Guidelines are needed for sponsorship of small events like the breakfast, coffee house, etc.
- He'd like names of people interested in working with him.

Bud, Spud and Steak

DECISION: We will not hold this fundraiser since we'll be receiving funds through registrations and there is no one to run the event.

Treasurer's Report: Corie

- Profit from the tea - \$217.73. A cheque was given to Linda Bulka for the Million Pennies fundraiser.
- Profit from the 2009 golf tournament - \$888.38
- Alumni Wall donations - \$2,649.35 (\$1,500 donated through Children's Heritage Fund)
- Working balance - \$6,243.83

Other Business

- Marni sent information about a new book *Coming of Age* by Allan Levine that could be of interest during the reunion.
- TASK: Carole to contact Abe Aanhang from the Manitoba Jewish Federation for more information.
- Bill Sutherland will be placing a reunion announcement in the CTTAM newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Next meeting: October 5, 2009 at St. John's –5 p.m.