

**St. John's High School 100th Anniversary
November 23, 2006 Minutes**

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. 14 people in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Victoria Lehman moved to accept the agenda. Alan Freedman 2nd. All were in favor.

3. Approval of October 23 Minutes

Victoria Lehman moved to accept the agenda. Alan Freedman 2nd. All were in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

Corie Seburn was not present. Carole K. reported on her behalf.

Current Account Balance	\$ 2131.68
Purchase of database software (Gloria Kropla)	\$ 181.90

Money is owed to John Silver for the purchase of website; to be discussed with New Business.

Sue Gibb moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Monique Sobczyk 2nd. All were in favor.

5. New Business

Committee Organization

Carole handed out a proposed committee structure for review. The following was discussed:

Committee Chairs

- A chair (or co-chairs) is required to head each committee
- The chair is responsible for managing and organizing their committee and its activities
- The chair is expected to attend monthly meetings with the Executive Committee and provide an update
- Chairs from each of the committees form the Steering Committee

Executive Committee

- The purpose of the Executive Committee is to oversee all anniversary activities
- The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are members of the executive committee
- The following members have volunteered: Gloria Kropla, Jess Leung, Wendy Pinchbeck and Randy Wiebe
- An additional 4-7 volunteers are needed to complete the executive committee; notify Carole Kurdydyk if interested.

John Silver suggested that the Website be moved to the **Audio Visual Committee** and he has volunteered to chair the AV committee. Thanks John!

Patrons/Sponsor Committee was discussed at length. It was agreed to take this outside of the meeting and Victoria Lehman, Carole K. and Carolyn Rickey would discuss the purpose and function of this committee. **See end of Minutes for UPDATE.**

Volunteer Update

We really need to start working on getting volunteers to step forward to chair the committees. Until we have a chair it is difficult to ensure that all functions will run smoothly.

Everyone needs to get out and recruit some much needed bodies!!

“Celebrating athletics” banquet

As there is currently no chair for this event, the Executive Committee (in conjunction with the volunteers attending the monthly meetings) would manage the event.

- John Silver has volunteered to contact Ross Wedlake and Hymie Fox as possible MCs for the evening
- It was agreed that the event would take place at the school in April (date to be determined)
- Everyone should start soliciting prizes for the silent auction ASAP

See end of Minutes for UPDATE.

1st Annual Golf Tournament – Alan Freedman

- Larters has been approached to host the tournament.
- a July date has been proposed to allow the teachers to participate
- date to be confirmed for the next meeting
- allow for 144 maximum
- Volunteers to help are needed!

Website – John Silver

- a website will be purchased (KANAKA?) for \$114 for a 2 year period plus \$10 for an exclusive domain name
- the domain name will be st.johnshigh100.mb.ca
- the website has 20 email accounts. John has suggested that one of the email accounts should be specific to the executive committee
- the site will include pictures and reviews of other reunions
- the site will also include a discussion board
- suggestion raised to consider accepting registration payment by Visa or MasterCard (to be further investigated by the Executive Committee)
- the website should be ready in approximately 2 weeks. John will contact Carole when the website is ready.
- A link from the current school website to the anniversary website should be included. Laura Skabar at the school has agreed to do so.
- It was agreed that the minutes should be maintained on the website for everyone to review (Wendy will gather the minutes prepared to date to forward to John)

Other

2010 Activity Change

- The golf tournament has been moved to Thursday and the Teen Dance party to Friday.

Logo and Letterhead

- John has drafted a picture of the old high school flanked by torches as an option
- Logo and letterhead to be reviewed and decided on by the Executive Committee

Convention Center

- Carole reported that the CC requires a \$1000 deposit to be submitted by June 2007
- A subsequent payment schedule will be required based on criteria outlined by Jan (Convention Centre contact)

Luxton Reunion

- Carole has been trying to contact the chair of the Luxton event (will keep trying)
- Requesting to have access to the database as many students from Luxton would have gone on to St. John's
- Also requesting to have a table set up at their function advertising our 100th. Carole has recommended this should not be someone attending the event as a former student.

Note: Machray School will also be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2010

General Promotion

Carole K. has phoned Travel Manitoba regarding its Manitoba Homecoming 2010 promotion and possibly including the anniversary in the advertising media. They will get back to us sometime next year when their committee is organized. A suggestion was made to also contact Destination Winnipeg.

Miscellaneous:

Kelekis needs to be contacted

- Carole to contact Jim (nephew)

Salisbury House is enthusiastic to work with our committee. WOW!!

- Ideal place to distribute the Techonian Newsletter (Diane Zack chairing the Techonian)
- Carole K. will meet with the Marketing manager in January.

The idea of planning a musical evening was discussed. Sonia Williams is willing to direct an alumni choir if asked.

CD capturing an oral history of St. John's

- John Silver will be interviewing people and compiling stories of interest
- If you know anyone who would like to participate, please send your suggestions to John at
- jsilver3@shaw.ca

Calendar

- Victoria suggested having each month represented by a different decade with a sponsor advertised for each month (local businesses)
- Sell advertising

Legacy

There was a very exciting discussion surrounding the idea of creating a center of excellence in a selected area for the high school. It would be something that could potentially bring students from all over the city to participate or share in. St. John's was once known for its academic excellence and we want to try to bring back something to the school in a positive way.

This could potentially involve the school board, government grant, school trustees etc.

Where, or in what field, can we contribute the most? Some suggestions were:

- leadership
- entrepreneurship
- conflict management
- multi-culturalism

Legacy is intended to bring St. John's back to the community, involving the community, growing in the community long after the 100th has passed.

This will require a big vision and lots of dedication. To be discussed further! Thanks to Carolyn and Vicky for their great ideas and huge vision!

Meeting adjourned 8:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Wendy Pinchbeck

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 11, 2007
WHERE: St. John's High – 2nd floor, staff room
Enter at the Parking Lot doors



Everyone, have a safe and happy holiday.....See you in the New Year!!

Members of the Executive Committee, Victoria Lehmann and Carolyn Rickey stayed behind to discuss:

“Celebrating athletics” banquet

- The Executive is proposing Saturday, April 21st. A permit request will be made to the school division through Greg Bouchard.
- Sevalas will be contacted for a price on a hot buffet (North End UK style!)
- Approach Alicia's to represent the north end (**REAL** North End UK style!)
- Carole will contact Sal's for a catering/buffet price
- Harv-Als will also be contacted as they were once the prime supplier for team jackets, uniforms etc.

Patrons/Sponsor Committee

Again a lengthy discussion ensued to confirm the purpose of this committee and possible Legacy ideas. It was decided that:

1. **Patrons** – represented the alumni and business owners who owed their “success” to St. John's. Those who have a vested interest in the school. Attempt to secure cash donations from this pool
2. Sponsors would be expanded to **Sponsors and Suppliers** – maintaining a listing of suppliers that we would approach for goods on a large and small scale. Ensuring that all committees utilize our common listing.
3. Vicky and Carolyn have volunteered to co-chair this committee. Thank you ladies!!

Meeting adjourned (again) at ~ 9:20 P.M.