

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rod Hagglund, Marie Fraser, Joy Heft, Elizabeth Hale, George Toller, Mark Orbay, Sylvia Kershman, Karen Gledhill

Regrets: Milton Shaffer, Wendy Hagglund, Susan Hewitt, Daniel Kekez, Kim Ellard, Avi Caplan, Margaret Pippy

1. **Introductions / Agenda**

2. **Minutes:** January 15th meeting minutes approved.

3. **Principal's Report:** (Karen Gledhill) Transfer Applications – online; Monday, February 19th, 10:30AM – transfer cap is 100. 102 applications were received in 10 minutes. By 2:45PM, 236 applications had been received. Food Drive – 4,460 items collected during 2 weeks of December for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Nov. 24th United Way Pancake Breakfast – on CJOH, Max Keeping present; approximately \$1200 raised. Students and staff here at 5AM to begin cooking! Drama Production, “The Crucible”, was excellent (Dec. 6, 7). Grade 8 Parents' Nights – January 15 (“Gifted”), January 17 (“Regular Program”). Over 30 new students this semester (Feb. 1 start). First Snowboarding Race – LCI did exceptionally well – Women's – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th; Men's – 1st, 6th, 9th and 18th. Senior Boy's B-ball. Team – ¼ finals Tuesday, February 20th. Nordic Skiers – 7 going to the provincials. Improv Team – place first on Saturday night at the Regional Finals! Canterbury was second.

4. **Finances:** (Marie Fraser) Funding applications were forwarded via e-mail to Exec to review before this meeting. Discussion about the various submissions. It was agreed that people didn't seem to take it very seriously and that we need to publicize / get the word out about the funding earlier. The proposal submitted by the Science and Art departments was put forward as the only serious candidate. Marie proposed that we give them the \$2,128.93 they were asking for an A/V cart provided that a plaque recognizing that the funds were from the Alumni Association. Joy seconded. PASSED unanimously.

5. **Secretary:** (Elizabeth Hale) Have sold a great deal of memorabilia lately (3 history books, 3 prints, 3 mugs, 3 coasters, 2 hasti-notes, 1 tie and 1 CD). Mail has slowed down since the last newsletter. Receipts for postage: \$136.53

6. **Archives:** (Joy Heft) **Memorial Hall and Benefactor Plaques:** Plates have been ordered for these plaques. The first is to replace the plate of Keith Murphy which was mysteriously removed from the Second World War plaque in the fall. A blank plate was removed and taken to Globe Trophy to see if they might be able to use it for this purpose as it resembles in colour the earlier plates. A new Benefactor plate has been ordered in the name of ZEMKON Inc. Again a plate was removed from the existing plaque and brought in for engraving. Both plates will be mounted within the next two weeks. Estimated price for the two was \$96.90. **Vox Lycei:** We have received numerous copies (two boxes each) of the last two years' Vox Lycei. These have been placed in the storage room along with the others. The number of excess copies we are left with each year renders critical a protocol for the keeping of these. We do not have the space to continue stockpiling them. The need to do so is alleviated by the fact that each student now receives a copy of the yearbook paid for by their student fee. Perhaps in future excess from the previous year could be handed out to the grade nine students, or during Grade 8 Parent Nights. In keeping with an earlier suggestion, we should advertise once more in the upcoming newsletter the availability of old VOX and the possibility of buying them, and then discard all but about five copies for each year. These would be in addition to the two copies kept for the archives in the alumni office, the bound library copies and the bound copies of five VOX composites kept in the principal's office. We could advertise the availability and post the inventory on the website. **Newsletter:** Extra copies of the newsletter have been picked up from the printer since the last meeting and distributed to staff. In addition, newsletters have been sent by mail to former teachers who were not included in the mail out. These names have since been added to the general

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mailing list. In addition to the newsletters, one box of 500 envelopes was also received from the printer leaving 3000 in storage there for the next mail out. An additional two boxes, apparently printed by a different printer, were subsequently found in the alumni office where there are now approximately 1400 available. **Research:** Once again there have been several requests for information regarding former students. Dave Brown of The Citizen had requested information about Irving Greenberg for a biography he is writing about him. Mr. Brown visited the alumni office in January to view what the archivist had been able to unearth and was very satisfied with the material. A Jason Ridler who is writing a biography of Dr. Omond Solandt, a distinguished Canadian scientist and science leader, requested information about Edith Young, the mother of Mr. Solandt who was a Lisgar graduate around the turn of the 20th century, subsequently a graduate of Queen's University. Unfortunately, the neither of the two cards in the name of Edith Young was for the person in question. However, the archivist met and became friends with Kathy Solandt, the daughter of Dr. Solandt, in Paris in 2000 while visiting her with a mutual friend. Her daughter is currently working in Ottawa as an interpreter, and is a close friend of the Heft family so Mr. Ridler has been put in touch with her. As well, another friend, the Honorable Paul Hellyer, knew Dr. Solandt personally and has agreed to speak to Ridler about him. Finally, a request has come through Mr. Mark Goebel from a person named Amy Falkner who is helping to link volunteers from City Hall to act as tutors in the 'help room' at Lisgar. Ms. Falkner is looking for information about her grandfather, Eric Falkner, who attended Lisgar in the late 1930's. **The Alumni Office:** An attempt is being made to reorganize the alumni office and to keep only that which is truly of archival value pertinent specifically to the school and its former students. **Messages and Requests:** Several messages and requests have been received and replied to where possible. One request was to have information as to where one might purchase the film **Freedom's Fury**. Perhaps we could find this out from the producer and publish the information in the next newsletter. **Ottawa City Archives and Heritage Day:** In response to the request received from the Friends of the Ottawa City Archives and sent to executive members, a letter was sent to Councillors urging them to find a permanent home for the Archives. Responses were received from councillors Cullen and Dean. Today at the Ottawa Heritage Day reception, the archivist was informed by the president of The Friends that many letters were received by the councillors as a result of this request. The matter was discussed on Feb. 15 and a committee has been formed to study the matter and report back to Council in six months. It will be considered as part of the 2008 budget process. The archivist took a photo of Lisgar's Heritage plaque to be kept in the our archives. **Filing:** filing is ongoing, and the archivist reminds people to save articles regarding Lisgar activities, current and former teachers and students.

7. **Newsletter:** (Elizabeth Hale) No report. Gillian has decided to step down as Editor. We are now in a serious bind as to how to continue with the newsletter.
8. **Old Business:** Thank you was received from Milton for the birthday card sent from the Executive as well as the write-up in the latest edition of the newsletter – which he says was, in his opinion, the best ever!
9. **New Business:** Daniel Kekez has inquired whether we want to renew the Lisgar.net website domain. All agreed that we do so Daniel will go ahead and pay the \$95 fee for 5 year term.
10. **Comments:**

Next Meeting: Monday March 19th at 7:30 PM
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:35 P.M.