

DLCI Alumni Executive Committee Meeting

April 16, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rod Hagglund, Wendy Hagglund, Marie Fraser, Joy Heft, George Toller, Mark Orbay, Karen Gledhill

Guest: Anita Shlien

Regrets: Avi Caplan, Kim Ellard, Daniel Kekez, Sylvia Kershman, Margaret Pippy, Milton Shaffer, Elizabeth Hale, Susan Hewitt

1. Introductions/ Agenda: It was agreed to begin with a hearing of the proposal to be brought forward by guest, Anita Shlien, to organize a **Walk for ALS** in memory of Léonard Zamor, former Lisgar teacher. This would occur at the time of the annual walk on June 10, beginning at Lansdowne Park, and would include entertainment, music, and a silent auction. Anita proposed that fundraising could also be done via the Lisgar website to the benefit of the ALS Society of Ontario in Léonard's name. It was hoped that information could also be included in the next newsletter which, it is hoped would be published before that date.

2. Minutes of March Meeting : Not available. (Elizabeth Hale absent)

3. Principal's Report: Principal Karen Gledhill reported that there would be a **new office assistant** to replace Marion Kizas who will be retiring after a lengthy stint at Lisgar. She notes that she will miss Marion's wizardry in keeping the accounts. The principal passed on the name of Sshayna Anne Gardiner, the former Lisgar student whose picture appeared on the cover of MacLeans Magazine dealing with university ratings. **The Lisgar Improv. Team** went as far as the Nationals where they came fifth. Despite the disappointment of not placing better, they were satisfied that they had provided an excellent performance. **The Reach for the Top** team has been doing well and will be competing Friday. They have been invited to Chicago again this year to compete in National Academic Quiz tournament. Parents are prepared to finance over and above fundraising, and to supplement the cost of a parent supervisor and coach. Member of **LEAF were filmed by CTV News with the mayor** at a launch of the beginning of **spring cleaning week**. Members of the Dual Diagnosis and Geography classes have participated in picking up litter around City Hall and Lisgar St. as far as Elgin including the grounds of Knox Presbyterian Church. The **March Break trips** were very successful. One trip was to Austria and Germany by orchestra members and teacher chaperones. Mr. Hum had to stay an extra week with an ill student. The other trip, arranged by the Languages Department was to Italy and was reportedly a wonderful trip. Preparation for this included language and culture lessons at noon hour and after school. Students were well behaved. A parent information meeting will be held next week to discuss next year's trip. **Telephone Lines:** As a cost-saving measure, The Board is reducing the number of telephone lines per school. Lisgar has lost three which cost \$540.00 per year. The Alumni Office line is one of those removed. (We will attempt to keep the line by funding it ourselves.) **Request:** A request has been received from Sara Kunstman to be funded **for a Smart Board** in her room. The requirements would include, the Smart Board, and InFocus Projector, a teacher lap top and electrical instalments for the room. The cost would be approximately \$6000. and considerable training would be required. **Rifle:** Elizabeth Hale has been investigating the interest and nature of the single shot rifle that has been offered to the school as an artifact. **Cross Boundary Transfers:** Cross boundary transfers were processed through an online procedure this year. It is up to the Board to decide whether this may be continued. There was one bogus application per 100 applications. 18 of the first 100 accepted changed their minds. Others may apply up to May 30. Applications received in June and September may be considered only if staffing situation is not changed in other schools or in exceptional circumstances through an appeal process. The staffing process has begun. The projected enrolment for Lisgar is lower than last year, so staff will be affected.

Co-President Elections: There are five or six candidates for Co-President, and five running for student trustee. There is a regular Thursday noon meeting with the principal, Co- Presidents, Staff Advisor. A pre-election meeting with candidates was held so they might learn the requirements of the position from those currently serving.

4. Finance: No report.

5. Secretary: No report. (Elizabeth Hale absent)

6. Archives: Research: The archivist met with Mr. David Gardiner to further facilitate the research for his book – a book of fiction about a young Ottawa school student ca. 1904-1922. There will be at least one more such session.**Filing:** A relative lull in the activity of the archives has allowed time for significant filing. Of interest in particular, notation was made regarding three older plaques from the First World War Memorial that had to be corrected. Two of these were for gentlemen named ‘Thackray’, W. Carson and Robert Grant, whose last names had originally been misspelled ‘Thackeray’. During the 160th reunion in 2004, the niece, I believe, of another Thackray who was related to the first two, indicated that her uncle’s name had also been misspelled. She did not want to have this changed as she felt it more in keeping with current heritage practice not to do so, but she did request a notation be made to the effect. Another plaque in the name of ‘Henry Dover’ had been incorrectly duplicated in an attempt to change the name from ‘Henry’ to ‘Harry’, the correct name of the person in question. All three plaques and the explanation have been filed with the lists of names from all the memorials that were transcribed last year by student, Laura Wilson.**VOX:** The archivist suggested that extra VOX from last year be distributed to staff members who did not receive one. The principal has checked with teacher-advisers of VOX about this; they prefer that they be distributed among incoming staff.**Freedom’s Fury:** Karen Gledhill has inquired about the availability of the film for sale. Colin Gray is to let her know when it is released for this purpose. Meanwhile those interested may log on to www.freedomsfury.com**Principals’ Portraits:** The portrait of former principal Pat Irving has not yet been placed among those in the library. Does the Alumni Association look after this. The matter will be looked into.**Volunteers:** A suggestion has been made that notice be placed in the newsletter indicating that those who administer Association matters, several of whom work full time at other jobs, process requests as quickly as possible depending on their other commitments. Patience is advised.

7. Newsletter: George Toller read a poem from Lisgar past which was passed on to appear in the next Lisgar newsletter – likely to be out in late May or early June.

8. Old Business: It was suggested that there should be a Hall of Fame update and that students in History Courses might research linkages for this. We will call for further nominations in the Spring Newsletter. Joy to bring the file to next meeting. There are currently about three nominees.

9. New Business: George Toller is a member of the Board of Directors for the Bytown Museum which is looking for volunteers to assist during the 175th anniversary of the building of the canal. He suggested students wanting to make of their 40 hours of volunteer time may be interested. Karen will post this information on the Community Involvement bulletin board.

George has once again offered to host a luncheon at the Rideau Club and is looking for a convenient date. A poll will be taken to determine one that would be suitable. He has asked Karen to suggest any suitable candidates to join the group – retirees, etc.

The question was asked whether to donate funds for the InFocus machine for the auditorium using surplus funds which were not taken by the funding requests. There seemed to be a consensus that we should.

The **May meeting** is scheduled for the Monday of the long week-end. A decision was made to postpone it to **May 28**.