

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rod Hagglund, Joy Heft, Avi Caplan, Sylvia Kershman, Milton Shaffer, Susan Hewitt, Elizabeth Hale, Marie Hartmann, George Toller, Tamara Vardomskaya (Trivia Club).

Regrets: Mark Orbay, Daniel Kekez, Pat Hood, Karen Gledhill, Kim Ellard, Doug Arrand

1. Introductions / Agenda

2. Minutes: January 17th meeting minutes approved.

3. Trivia Club: (Tamara Vardomskaya) The Lisgar Trivia Club made a presentation regarding their recent qualification at the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Chicago in June. They are the first ever Canadian team to qualify. They are pursuing several fundraising options to reach the \$6,000 goal needed to pay for the trip. Among these is a Trivia Night to be held on March 31st. Tamara asked if they could solicit donations and have them pass through the Lisgar Fund so they could offer receipts, but the Lisgar Fund cannot be used for this purpose. Marie requested that we donate \$200 from the Alumni Association and this was seconded and PASSED.

4. Principal's Report: (Susan Hewitt) Newsletters went out with report cards today (distributed). 115 applications were received for 78 cross-boundary transfers. Parents camped out for several days in order to secure a place. Option sheets have gone out and several new courses are being offered. Guys & Dolls was a great success. Thanks to the Alumni Association for its contribution. This is Spirit Week and there are many activities going on, including several Olympic themed events. Principal Gledhill was able to receive government funding for each department to spend \$1,500 on new books to be donated to the library. The Semi-Formal dance was Feb 9th and over 400 people attended. March Break is March 10-14th. Dual Diagnosis Class is being considered for Lisgar. Hypnotist show on April 7th. Principal Gledhill and the Music Dept. have offered to help stage an event for the Alumni Association to unveil the new Auditorium seat plaques on Sunday May 7th. *(date has since changed to Sunday April 30th)*

5. Finances: (Marie Hartmann) No financial updates to report. We received a cheque from the Lisgar Fund for \$2,990 representing memberships from May 1, 2005 – February 19, 2006. The sign acknowledging the Alumni Association has still not been installed in the new computer lab. We have \$15,375 in the Lisgar Alumni fund (donations). We need to distribute 80% on an annual basis (on average). There is \$2,000 in the Friends of Lisgar fund – Neil Petrie is going to look at ways to spend it on the Auditorium. There is \$500 available for the Wall of Fame. We have not received any transfer payments from the Lisgar Fund for memorabilia even though we have paid for all of the memorabilia to be created. Marie will look into this. Neil Petrie received an invoice for the exterior heritage plaque (\$64.20) to be paid. If we do proceed with the credit card system, a new bank account will have to be set up as well as some other preliminary financial set up between the Lisgar Fund account and ours.

6. Secretary: (Elizabeth Hale) There are 725 LIFE members as of February 17th. We have had 54 annual memberships renewed so far this year. There are 882 current memberships. This month's DID YOU KNOW: The most life members are from the year 1947 (31) See attached. Requested three quotes for the brass seat plaques for the Alumni Auditorium donors. Globe (\$5.75/ea), SGA (\$3.34/ea) and Promographix (\$3.33/ea). All prices are plus tax.

Requested that we go ahead with the order from Promographix for a cost of \$999.00 plus tax (approved). We presently have 266 plaques to engrave. I was unable to get a better quote for the Memorial Hall plaques (Globe \$60.00/ea). Gave news clippings to Joy as well as photos taken of the Remembrance Day showcase. Sent photos of the Memorial Hall and WWII plaque to sister of George Chequer as she wrote a letter asking to see it. Do we need to look into insurance for the Memorial Hall – particularly the plaques? They would cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars to replace if vandalized or destroyed in a fire etc. Gave in receipts for \$84.24 for photos, supplies & postage. How can we increase our Life Members? We need to encourage people to write in about what they are doing today to keep the interest of younger members.

7. Archives: (Joy Heft) An oak plaque with “collection donated by the Alumni Assn.” Was returned to the Library and the 125th logo print has been installed in the Main Office. Found a bronze plate “Canada’s Literacy symbol presented by CBC in 1990” but cannot figure out where it belongs. Vox requests have resulted in 11 copies being donated. 5 are from our Most Wanted list. 5 Vox sold to the husband of Dawna Duff to surprise her as she lost hers in University. Should the Vox editions that are hand written be kept in the Alumni office because they are safer there? Perhaps have them scanned? The current Alumni Showcase has an Olympic theme. Elizabeth & I went through some old files, membership forms that were 7+ years old and cleaned them out of the Alumni office. Laura Wilson is transcribing the Memorial plaque names this term. 2 bronze plates have been made for the Memorial Hall plaques. We have a plaque for Henry Dover but cannot figure out who he is. Milton has contacted the Dover family, but they don’t have any info. Will contact Dave MacGougan. Photo from 1909 as well as clippings and a book donated to the Archives. There are several pictures in the Alumni office which do not pertain to Lisgar and they will be cleaned out. Perhaps donate them to the Ottawa Archives? George Toller donated a biography of the first Headmaster of OCI. The Wall of Fame file has still not been transferred to us.

8. Newsletter: (Avi Caplan) Has been checking the forums regularly and encourages members of the Alumni Exec to do the same and post responses when relevant. Lately several current students have been joining. Has created a new section called ‘Completing the Circle’. We need to start working on articles for the next newsletter. Ideas: Memorial Hall, donor event, Smart Boards, Guys & Dolls, Trivia Club, Cross Boundary transfers, Chairs Award for Adrienne Clarkson.

9. Old Business:

10. New Business:

11. Comments:

Next Meeting: Monday February 20th at 7:30 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:35 P.M.