

Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rod Hagglund , Joy Heft, Elizabeth Hale, George Toller, Mark Orbay, Wendy Hagglund

Regrets: Marie Fraser, Milton Shaffer, Susan Hewitt, Daniel Kekez, Kim Ellard, Avi Caplan, Gillian Campbell, Sylvia Kershman, Margaret Pippy, Karen Gledhill

1. **Introductions / Agenda:** Welcome to Rod's daughter Wendy
2. **Minutes:** November 20th meeting minutes approved.
3. **Principal's Report:** (Karen Gledhill) No report.
4. **Finances:** (Marie Fraser) Circulated financial report. Will e-mail Karen to ask for funding applications that have been received. These will be forwarded via e-mail to Exec to review before our next meeting so discussions can take place in February.
5. **Secretary:** (Elizabeth Hale) There are 745 Life members. All 2006 graduates have been added to the Alumni database and they received the latest newsletter. The new Life membership cards were designed, printed and enclosed along with the newsletters in December and have received positive feedback. Appeal to MIA Life members has resulted in 3 updated addresses as well as over 20 changes of address for annual members. Receipts for postage: \$34.32
6. **Archives:** (Joy Heft) Memorial Plaques: Two additional plates have been ordered for the Memorial plaques: one of these for the Second World War memorial is for Stewart F.D. Bruce, the other for the Korean War Memorial for Peter Chance. Total cost for both - \$136.80. Receipt submitted. The plate of Keith Murphy has been removed from the Second World War Memorial. It appears to be an act of vandalism, and the plate will have to be replaced.
Requests for Information: A request was received in late November from Patricia Demers , President of the Royal Society of Canada, seeking information about George Ellis, Lisgar teacher from 1921 to 1938. George was married to Miriam Green Ellis, a pioneering newspaper woman, the first female agricultural reporter in Western Canada. Ms. Demers is editing a manuscript detailing the journey of Miriam Green Ellis by steamer from Edmonton to Aklavik in the summer of 1922. She and George were married in Edmonton in 1905 when he was listed as 'inspector of schools' but all reference to him disappears after 1908. Ms. Demers learned by accident of his teaching career at Lisgar and wished further information. The research required the careful perusal of seventeen VOX but did produce a substantial number of references and pictures for which Ms. Demers was grateful. A further request for information about Irving Greenberg, founder of Minto Construction, was received from Dave Brown of the Citizen. Mr. Brown has been commissioned by Shirley Greenberg to write a biography about her husband whose name will appear of the new Great Canadian Theatre Company Playhouse. Research on this has begun, somewhat complicated by the fact there were two Irving Greenbergs in attendance at Lisgar between 1941 and 1946; both played football and were in the same class picture, even in the same row without a middle initial to distinguish them. Clarification regarding the Mr. Greenberg in question has been sought from Mr. Brown. VOX: In the course of the research regarding Mr. Ellis it was discovered that there are pages missing from at least one book in the library collection and parts of pages (pictures) cut out in some of both that collection and the archival one. Further investigation will be required to determine how widespread this is and whether some of the bound copies should be replaced by intact versions. Scanning for the VOX for website purposes will have to be delayed until this work is completed. Archival Showcase: The Remembrance Day

display was dismantled in early December and the contents refiled. Use of the showcase has been offered to the Art department for the time being.

7. Newsletter: (Gillian Campbell) No report. Everyone was very pleased with the latest edition. Next issue: May 2007.

8. Old Business: Thank you was received from Karen for the plant that the Executive sent her.

9. New Business: The Wall of Fame is on hold until we know what funding requests we have for this year.

10. Comments:

Next Meeting: Monday February 19th at 7:30 PM
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:15 P.M.