

**Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 23, 2009**

**Present:** Rod Hagglund, David McMahon, Avi Caplan, Tracy Finnigan, Marie Fraser, Elizabeth Hale, Steve Sansom, Joy Heft, Martin Munro

**Regrets:** Daniel Kekez, Kim Ellard

1. **Minutes:** January 19 – approved.

2. **Principal's Report:** (David McMahon) Rod welcomed David McMahon on behalf of the Alumni Association. David noted that he has 30 years of experience within the Ottawa Board, lives close by and is looking forward to his time at Lisgar. He joined the school after exams and has been busy getting report cards out and familiarizing himself with the school, and will have more to report at future meetings.

3. **Finance:** (Marie Fraser) As previously reported the Association's investments suffered a loss in Fall 2008. The Executive approved two funding requests totaling \$4,900 in 2008, consciously less than in 2007 because of market conditions. The Executive had previously decided to donate, at a minimum, the surplus from the prior year; the 2008 surplus has been spent and there will likely be a loss in 2009. Rod noted that we may want to consider allocating some portion of future surpluses to covering past losses rather than funding proposals. Financial statements will be produced after year end (April 30).

David noted that the Lisgar Fund is considering changing its year end to August or September to match the school year. Marie said there was no reason for the Association not to stay aligned with the Fund, perhaps moving to a July year end. At present it is difficult to produce year end financial statements before the summer break. Marie said that if the Fund changes its year end we should consult the Association's by-laws and consider a similar change.

Motion to increase annual membership fees to \$20 as of the date of publication of the next newsletter: carried.

4. **Membership:** (Elizabeth Hale) Elisabeth will not be at the next Executive meeting but will circulate membership and donation statistics.

5. **Archives:** (Joy Heft)

1. **VOX:** We are in the process of completing the donation to the Public Library. This should be done within the next week. A decision needs to be taken in terms of priority for complete copies where there are insufficient. There have been two requests for information recently and the parties have been directed to the Public Library to complete the research themselves. One person wrote in to say he had been successful in acquiring what he wanted. This will be further facilitated once the Library has a more complete collection and/or when the scanning for the website is complete. Three VOX have been sold of the five requested by a caller who wanted to give them as a gift at a reunion. (\$30.00 submitted)

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2. **MEMORIAL HALL:** The long awaited bronze cast plates for Wendell J. Clark and John J. Hallinan to be placed on the memorial for those who died in the Second World War have been purchased and are ready for mounting. The cost for the two is \$398.66. An additional plate to be placed on the First World War Veterans for Owen Chipman Toller was also purchased for the amount of \$67.80. (Receipts submitted.)
3. **LOAN TO ARCHIVES:** Gail McHardy visited the archives to pass along scrap books and other memorabilia belonging to Alan Hague the alumnus spoken of at the last meeting who was killed during the Second world War. Gail would like the material back but has loaned it for the Remembrance Day display for the fall of 2009.
4. **ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER:** Three articles were written and submitted for the forthcoming newsletter.
5. **MEMORABILIA:** A print was provided for the School Council to be presented to Karen Gledhill on the occasion of her retirement. Karen has indicated how much she admires the print and was extremely happy to learn she would be receiving it. Laura Lunn of the School Council has since been in touch to request a 150<sup>th</sup> history book to be presented to a Dr. Joel Westheimer who will be a guest speaker hosted by the School Council at Lisgar on March 26. Dr. Westheimer is University Research Chair in the he Sociology of Education Professor at the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa and author of the book **No Child Left Thinking: Testing "Accountability" and the Threat to Canadian Democracy** The Council is hoping we might be willing to donate the history book for which we would be given credit in the presentation thereof. The Music Department is also donating a C.D. We have also been invited to sell 150<sup>th</sup> year books during the evening. Students will be on hand to sell Dr. Westheimer's book and could be responsible for the sale of the history book as well if we wish. Rachel Eugster, president of the School Council, has expressed the hope that some of the Alumni executive would be present for the occasion.

Motion to donate a copy of the 150th yearbook to Lisgar School Council: agreed.

6. **INQUIRIES:** Ron Jacobson of Tampa, Florida phoned to inquire as to whether anyone from the 1959 graduating class was planning a reunion. He was informed that announcement would be made in the forthcoming newsletter, and that he would also send letters for the Association to send to his classmates for whom we have contact information. Additionally, the suggestion of Martin Munroe that he consider subscribing to classmates.com was passed on to him. Alumna Sally Magill was in touch for words to the Lisgar song which were provided for her.
7. **FILING:** Considerable filing has been accomplished since last meeting and cards regarding records of teacher arrivals and departures as well as of Co-presidents and VOX editors have been updated as have addresses of former staff.

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8. **DVD RECEIVED:** The long awaited copy of *Freedom's Fury*, the documentary produced by former alumnus, Colin Gray, has been received and catalogued.

6. **Newsletter:** (Avi Caplan) A draft newsletter was circulated and discussed. Some submissions were left out for lack of space. Steve agreed to act as interim editor for the Fall 2009 newsletter; Avi will continue to do layout and design.

7. **Old Business:**

Wall of Fame: 10 plaque backings stored in the school have been located; we will need to purchase and engrave plates for them. Rod will investigate individual mementoes. John Ruff is organizing the LAA dinner; Rod will coordinate with him.

Telephone: Joy reported that at least two outbound calls from the Alumni office phone have been blocked since the switch to Skype.

8. **New Business:**

Funding proposals: Motion to fund auditorium curtain proposal to a maximum of \$2,231.75: carried. Graphing calculator proposal not funded at this time. Motion to declare moratorium on calls for further funding proposals in Fall 2009: carried.

**Next meeting: Monday, March 23, 2009, 7 p.m.**