

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association
60th Anniversary Committee
Monday, September 15th, 2008 – Library

In attendance: Ron Storozuk, Jim Smith, Jim Atkin, Susan Tighe, Brenda McConaghy, Tracy MacDonald, Janine Harasymchuk and Maureen Silk as Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Vivien Laurie.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Jim Smith welcomed Tracy and Janine to the Committee and gave a brief overview of plans for the 60th Anniversary discussed to date.

Janine suggested having the teachers available to mingle with alumni. Jim advised the open house will start at noon on the Sunday. Teachers can meet amongst themselves at 11 a.m. and then join the others at noon. Brenda advised that at the 50th Anniversary, most teachers just stayed in the library and never circulated.

Brenda will contact Darlene Lindsay to see if she wants to look after the staff component of the reunion. Garry Bowles could be contacted to assist.

Discussion held regarding the hours of operation for the beer garden at Melrose Park Community Centre. Jim suggested having the open house at the school from 12 to 5 p.m. The beer garden could be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Brenda suggested hiring a live band composed of members from the student body. Janine suggested having a BBQ and some fireworks. Ron will make some calls regarding a pig roast. Security may be necessary in order to ensure the people attending the beer garden are alumni.

Ron advised he is still in contact with the Concert Hall to secure that facility for the event. Other venues were discussed as alternates. Brenda indicated the Immanuel Pentecostal Church holds 1,500 people and the wine and cheese party could be held at the Caboto Centre. The Convention Centre would be a great venue. Jim Smith mentioned the Victoria Inn and Brenda advised the Delta has a stage. Fort Garry Place also has a large hall.

Vivien was not available to advise if the School Division had issues regarding distributing the class lists. Brenda suggested bringing all the class lists used at the 50th to the next meeting in order to see what years are missing. Then we can discuss how to find year reps.

Jim Atkin suggested getting students in the arts program to paint a mural on the side of a truck or van which could be driven around town to advertise the event. Students could also be used to design the registration package.

Discussion held regarding whether or not to have class photos. It was suggested that a photographer could be hired to circulate and take photos and these could later be downloaded to the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Agenda

1. Follow-up on Venue(s)
2. Ways to contact alumni
3. Class Lists & Year Reps