

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association
60th Anniversary Committee
Monday, April 12th, 2010 – Library

In attendance: Jim Smith, Chair, Tracy MacDonald, Donna Cudmore, Vivien Laurie (late), Susan Tighe, Ron Storozuk, David Chan, Jim Atkins, Debb Brethauer (late), Garry Bowles, Shelley Lichtman and Maureen Silk as Recording Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Jim welcomed everyone and gave a brief summary of the events planned to date. On Saturday night (June 30th) a musical performance will be held at the Concert Hall, with a wine and cheese party to follow. An open house and Staff Tea will be held at the school on the Sunday (July 1st).

Ron advised the Concert Hall has been booked, although a contract hasn't been signed yet. He is checking with three of the downtown hotels regarding their catering services to cost out finger foods and dainties. Zane Zalis will work on the musical revue and we can decorate the outer hallways.

Tracy spoke about the venues she has contacted regarding a Bud, Spud and Steak fundraiser. A decision will have to be made regarding a date and place. She also looked into working a Bingo at one of the Casinos. The Alumni Committee is not eligible to apply, but the Parent Council is. Maureen will look after the application process for this.

Shelley advised the Grad Committee will partner with the Alumni Committee to assist with ticket sales at the Bud, Spud as well as the Sisters of the Holy Rock Concert in 2011. She advised that some fundraisers conducted by the Grad Committee have been fashion shows, Sobey's gift cards, Mom's Pantry, car washes, etc. She will work with Tracy to come up with some ideas.

Jim reviewed the activities of the 50th Anniversary and indicated some areas where volunteers will be needed. David asked how many volunteers we are looking to get and Ron suggested 25 to 30 would be ideal. David suggested getting Beau and Tom to promote the event on their radio show. Donna suggested having them emcee a social at the school. It would be a fundraiser and would also help us to obtain contact information from those who attend.

Debb advised she and a group of her former classmates still meet a few times a year. They are willing to assist with the 60th, but don't want to attend any meetings. She offered to organize and run the Staff Tea. Tracy will look after the information line. Vivien will oversee all aspects of the Open House. Jim has been keeping the history of the school up to date and Maureen has continued to look after the Memoriams.

Ron advised he has spoken to the person who developed the video of the 50th Anniversary and he suggested we do the same again, but charge for it in the ticket price. That way everyone who attends will get one. Garry suggested contacting the School Division to see if they have staff members who do this. David suggested getting a journalist who could videotape and do interviews with attendees at the same time.

A discussion was held regarding the sale of merchandise. Vivien advised a lady named Louise provides merchandise with the school logo and will invite her to attend the next meeting. It was decided not to purchase merchandise with the 60th anniversary logo, as it may be too difficult to get rid of any leftovers. We could just sell items with the school logo. The orders would be quick to fill and any surplus would be returned to the school.

It was decided that we would not have a beer garden at Melrose Park Community Centre on the day of the Open House. We would just concentrate everything on the school grounds. We could arrange to have some hot dog vendors attend or have a pig roast. Vivien advised the cafeteria could be used to prepare some foods and beverages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY.**