

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 19th, 2009
Room #33

Present: Ron Storozuk, Chair, Jim Smith, Donna Cudmore, Lorrie Rogalka, Debb Brethauer, Shelly Makus, Jim Atkin, Vivien Laurie, Susan Tighe, Tracy MacDonald, Deanna Fair, Rachelle Devine and Maureen Silk as Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Gina Staples, Leanne Slobodian and Brenda McConaghy.

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

Motioned by Jim Atkin and seconded by Shelly Makus to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

Motioned by Jim Smith and seconded by Jim Atkin to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 17th, 2008 as circulated. Carried.

Ron granted Vivien Laurie a voting right.

Business Arising

- the financial statement for the period July 1st, 2008 to December 31st, 2008 was circulated and approved;
- Jim Smith provided an update on the website. He advised the spam messages have been deleted, but someone is needed to oversee the website and create a paid billboard so members can leave messages, as well as creating a separate page dedicated to the upcoming 60th Anniversary. Jim Atkin knows someone from the Class of 1996 but will need to contact him to see if he is interested. Rachelle will approach some former students and pass their names onto Jim Smith. Deanna will contact some members attending the University of Winnipeg Multimedia program;
- Jim Smith provided a summary of the last two Parent Advisory Council meetings held October 28th and November 25th, 2008. The next meeting will be held January 27th and Constable Scott Wilson from the Winnipeg Police Service will make a presentation on Internet Safety;
- Vivien provided the following update on school activities:
 - o Changes have been made to the I.B. Program. A Theatre Arts Program will be introduced for Grade 11 students;
 - o The French Program will be changed to run for 3 years instead of 2;
 - o Upcoming school trips include Brandon for the Jazz Band, the annual ski trip, Japan, France and Spain;
 - o Zane Zallis has written a symphony and will be performing it in conjunction with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on May 21st;
 - o Provincial exams have been held and the remaining exams will be held next week. The second semester starts Monday, February 2nd;

- Parents will now be able to access a portal on the website in order to obtain class information from teachers;
 - A new Honour Board was erected in 2008. There is now room to add any names that are provided in the future;
 - Vivien is interested in establishing a Legacy Wall to acknowledge distinguished alumni. General categories could include the areas of Business and Entertainment. Research would have to be done and she asked if the Alumni Committee would be willing to support this venture. Everyone agreed this would be a significant addition to the school;
 - The boys' volleyball team won the City Championship.
- Lorrie advised the Sisters of the Holy Rock have not yet started scheduling dates in 2011. She will contact them again at the end of March and suggested we look to partner with one of the school groups in order to increase our ticket sales. Ron suggested having another fundraiser to raise money and bring people together socially. Rachelle suggested a Bud, Spud and Steak night. Lorrie advised the Legions host them every Friday night and we could schedule it there without having to sell a minimum number of tickets. Rachelle also advised of a Rollerama being held in Kildonan Park. Tickets are \$10 each and the proceeds are going to the Concordia hospital Oncology Ward. Tickets to Manitoba Moose hockey games could also be sold, or an evening of Glo Bowling could be held;
 - Jim Smith provided an update on the 60th Anniversary. A meeting was held on January 12th and the discussion centred on how to contact former students. Recent class lists would be unavailable due to Privacy Act restrictions, so someone would have to go through the yearbooks. It was decided to contact the former year reps and see if they would be willing to do the job again. Ways to advertise the event need to be found so the huge expense of a mass mailing can be avoided. Lorrie suggested asking River East Collegiate if they would be willing to advertise our event at their upcoming reunion. Ron will keep trying to get the dates confirmed with the Concert Hall.

New Business

- the next meeting date will be Monday, May 11th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 33;
- Ron invited the Committee members to a social evening at his home on Saturday, January 31st, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:

Maureen Silk
Secretary

Ronald N. Storozuk
Chair