

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 11th, 2009
Room #33

Present: Ron Storozuk, Chair, Jim Smith, Donna Cudmore, Lorrie Rogalka, Shelly Makus, Vivien Laurie, Susan Tighe and Maureen Silk as Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Gina Staples, Leanne Slobodian, Jim Atkin and Debb Brethauer

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

Ron granted Vivien Laurie a voting right.

Motioned by Jim Smith and seconded by Donna Cudmore to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

Jim Smith advised the boys' volleyball team won the Provincial Championship and not the City Championship as indicated in the Minutes of January 19th, 2009.

Motioned by Shelly Makus and seconded by Donna Cudmore to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 19th, 2009 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising

- There was no financial statement available;
- Jim Smith advised there was nothing new to report on the website. Jim Atkin was going to contact someone about updating the website, but was not available to report on that;
- Jim provided a summary of the last four Parent Advisory Council meetings held. On January 27th Constable Wilson from the Winnipeg Police Service spoke on Internet safety; on February 17th Vivien spoke on Pandemic preparation; on March 24th Debbie Cunningham spoke on raising an adolescent and on April 28th Jim spoke about the history of the school. There will be one more meeting before the end of the school year;
- Vivien provided the following update on school activities:
 - o I.B. Program exams are in progress and are being held at Melrose Park Community Centre. The remaining students will write exams in June;
 - o Convocation will be held at the Centennial Concert Hall on Friday, June 26th. A Scholarship Evening will be held at the school the night before (June 25th) in order to cut down on the length of the program;
 - o The 2009 edition of the literary magazine was launched last week at McNally Robinson. This year's theme is "home";

- Zane Zalis and the music students will be performing *I Believe* with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on May 21st at the Centennial Concert Hall. All tickets have been sold;
- The Student Council will be hosting a carnival on May 28th to raise money for cancer research;
- Vivien is hoping to reduce the enrollment to 1200 to 1250 students in the coming years;
- Lorrie advised she has not yet heard from the Sisters of the Holy Rock regarding available dates in 2011. She will contact them again before the end of June;
- Ron advised having a Bud, Spud and Steak night was suggested at the last meeting. These are quite popular and usually well attended. Vivien asked about working a Bingo at the Casino. Lorrie will look into this;
- Vivien advised a digital sign will be installed by the end of June to replace the existing sign. She hopes to have the Alumni Legacy Wall erected in the front foyer by June, 2010. Shelly suggested posting a notice on the website to solicit names to be included, but some criteria would have to be established;
- Jim advised Brenda McConaghy has resigned as Co-Chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee. Vivien has agreed to step in for now and will canvass the staff for a replacement;
- Ron advised he will circulate the current criteria used for selecting students to receive the Alumni Scholarships to Committee members for their input. Donna suggested including students in the technical program who don't usually qualify for the academic scholarships. Vivien suggested including a Bursary that students in need could apply for;
- Ron thanked the members of the Committee who attended the social evening at his home on January 31st.

New Business

- the next meeting date will be Monday, October 19th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, as this will be the AGM;
- Jim advised the Class of 1999 is hosting a reunion this year. Lorrie asked how volunteers for the 60th are being recruited. Maureen advised past year reps will be contacted to see if they want to continue their involvement. If they decline, alumni who attended the 50th will be contacted to see if they are interested. Vivien will post a notice in the next newsletter;
- Jim advised that he, Maureen and Donna have been scanning in all the school yearbooks. He suggested these could be sold to former students and the monies raised could be directed to the Scholarship Fund. A small keychain style memory stick could be sold at a cost of \$10 which would include the year of graduation. Additional years could be purchased for a nominal amount. Ron will contact Bob Kozminski to see if he would be willing to donate some memory sticks that would include his company logo as well as the school name and emblem;
- Vivien advised there are still a number of past yearbooks in stock at the school. Jim advised that a list of what's available and the price could be posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:

Maureen Silk
Secretary

Ronald N. Storozuk
Chair