

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Room #33

- Present: Ron Storozuk, Chair, Jim Smith, Donna Cudmore, Lorrie Rogalka, Debb Brethauer, Shelly Makus, Adam Johnston (Guest), Jim Atkin, Vivien Laurie and Maureen Silk as Recording Secretary.
- Regrets: Gina Staples, Leanne Slobodian and Susan Tighe. Ron advised Ian Martens has submitted a letter of resignation from the Committee.

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

**Motioned by Shelly Makus and seconded by Donna Cudmore to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.**

**Motioned by Debb Brethauer and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as circulated. Carried.**

Business Arising

- Jim Smith advised the 60<sup>h</sup> Anniversary meeting was re-scheduled to September 15<sup>th</sup> as the attendance was low. He stressed the importance of getting people to attend and will attempt to advertise. Ron advised a letter was sent to the Concert Hall formally requesting the use of their facility for our event.
- Jim Smith gave a brief summary of his attendance at the last four Parent Association meetings. On February 12<sup>th</sup> four teachers made presentations on specialty programs such as Cosmetology, Health & Childcare, the I.B. Program and English as an Additional Language. On March 11<sup>th</sup> Emergency Preparedness in the School Division was discussed. On April 8<sup>th</sup> student assessments were discussed and on May 13<sup>th</sup> the Superintendent spoke on current issues;
- Jim Smith advised the website received an average of 93 hits per day during May, especially to the history link. Donna advised she will contact Google to see if we can obtain some revenues from each hit which would help to offset the annual fees;
- It was suggested that a Sisters of the Holy Rock fundraiser be held again in 2011. Lorrie indicated they are not yet booking that far in advance, but she will contact them again in the Fall;
- A Financial Statement for the period July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was circulated. Ron advised he received a \$375.00 donation to the Scholarship Fund from a former student now living in Calgary;
- Vivien thanked the Committee for the donation of \$500.00 to the Editorial Committee towards the publication of the Surge magazine. It was launched on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with some of the authors reading their entries. Another issue will be

published next year and a half credit will be available towards the desktop publishing course;

- Discussion held regarding bank charges. Debb indicated Carpathia Credit Union charges no monthly fee and allows unlimited use of debit cards. Jim Atkin advised the Crosstown Civic Credit Union competes with the Steinbach Credit Union for the best interest rate. Ron will follow up and have a recommendation at a future meeting;
- Vivien provided the following activity report:
  - I.B. exams have finished and the students have completed classes;
  - the remaining students have twelve more days of class left and then write exams;
  - Mr. Land has been ill with an upper respiratory illness and will retire on June 9<sup>th</sup>;
  - Commencement will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> and Jim Smith and Jim Atkin will attend to present the Scholarships;
  - the Honour Board is being updated to include names back to 1952;
  - new lights have been installed in the theatre, costing \$20,000.00. Last summer a new stage, new curtains and a sound system were installed at a cost of \$20,000.00;
  - the final musical concert will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>;
  - the Athletic Banquet will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>;
  - donations are being collected for the earthquake in China.

### New Business

- the AGM will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with the following meeting to be held November 24<sup>th</sup>;
- Ron would like to do a pizza lunch for the EAL students;
- Ron received an e-mail from Gifts 'N Ideas regarding possible fundraising ideas;
- Ron received a letter from the Winnipeg Foundation advising the Scholarship Fund account can distribute the sum of \$5,250.00. Discussion held on whether to give out three \$1,500.00 scholarships or five \$1,000.00 scholarships and carry over the balance to add to next years amount. It was decided to give out three scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00;
- Ron advised there was an article on Prodigy in the May/June issue of Winnipeg Women's Magazine distributed by the Winnipeg Free Press;
- Vivien advised Zane Zalis will conduct his symphony on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 along with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra;
- Jim Atkin suggested setting up a link whereby people can donate to the Scholarship Fund on-line and receive a receipt by e-mail. Ron will check with the Winnipeg Foundation to see if this can be done;
- Jim Atkin asked if cards could be printed to be given out to former students and staff regarding the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ron indicated we need to showcase the school more;
- Jim Smith advised he has been asked to attend a meeting at River East Collegiate to assist them with their upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2011;
- Ron thanked everyone for their work on the Committee over the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Maureen Silk  
Secretary

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Ronald N. Storozuk  
Chair