

# **Humberside Collegiate Alumni Association (HCAA) Executive Committee**

## **Minutes of the Thursday, September 18, 2014 Meeting**

**Location:** Janet's House, 4 Bigham Crescent.

**Attendees:** Janet Keele '66-'04(**Co-Chair**), Bob Savryn '75 (**Treasurer**), Bob Walton '75-'05 (**Secretary**), Graeme Dymond '02 (**Co-Chair**), Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk '75 (**External Affairs**), Jacquie Raidl-Dankner '87, Thom Norris '52, Karen Maguire '82, '92 to present (**Vice-Chair**)

**Regrets:** Jim Drass '84, Doug Wighton '71,

**Absent:** Kevin Burke '01, Howard Stanfield '69-'03

**Quorum, Call to Order, Welcome, Review of Agenda, Acceptance of Minutes:** Janet called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and welcomed everyone.. The minutes of the last meeting were approved .

**Commencement Report:** Janet reported that information re the Lismer Hall Seat Sale and the Countdown to the 125<sup>th</sup> Gala appeared in the Commencement programme. She also reported that the art project on the four pillars in the main foyer of the school that celebrate the history of the school had been completed. It was the work of Julia Johnston '14. Graeme was thanked for representing the HCAA on the stage and presenting the HCAA awards to two worthy graduating students.

**Newsletter:** Jacquie informed us that she is working on the next newsletter. Articles on the late Helen Ricker, retired HCAA phys-ed teacher, and Raymond Souster '39, Canadian poet and Governor-General's Award winner, who died in 2012, were suggested. There was some discussion of the impending Canada Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) and how it would apply to our newsletter and also the solicitation of funds for the seat sale. Graeme will investigate.

**Archives:** Thom reported on the progress of the initiative to get the archival material in the school sorted, categorized and digitized. Professor Cam Tolton '53 and his daughter Caroline '90? have made a substantial financial offer to hire an archivist to perform these tasks.

Thom, Caroline and Cam met with Principal Linton and Stephen Wells, current ACL of Social Sciences in the archives rooms at HCI. This committee also contacted TDSB Archives contact Greg ?, Gib Goodfellow '64? (a past president of the West Toronto Historical Society) and David Wencer '01?, currently an archivist for the Hospital for Sick Children.

**Friends of Humberside:** Janet reported on the meetings with the FOH and the Gala Committee. Apparently the school administration has asked not to be responsible now for the refurbishing of the seats in Lismer Hall but, has turned this initiative over to the Friends of Humberside (and HCAA, indirectly, as it's non-fundraising sister). A committee was created to host a Gala to raise money for the seats that remain to be refurbished and to kick off the celebrations leading up to Humberside's 125th Anniversary in 2017. The date of the Gala has been set for the evening of Friday, October 23, 2015. The difficulty in obtaining a Liquor Licence for wine/beer in the lower gym for this event was discussed. Karen will ask Principal Linton on progress on obtaining a licence and , if possible, scan the permit and send to Bob S. There will be a silent auction and other fundraising projects in the main foyer and a formal welcome and short program in Lismer Hall. Karen will ask Cindy Levesque on the progress of creating a logo for the 125<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting for the Gala Committee is on January 12, 2015 at 7 pm at HCI.

## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (October 20-22, 2017) Celebration:**

**Survey:** At the time of this meeting, Jacquie reported on the final results of the survey. 625 replies were received. She gave a summary of some of the questions.

- 495 (80%) would come to an open house
- 370 (60%) would come to a wine and cheese, 185 (30%) maybe
- most approved a \$20-\$25 fee for the wine and cheese
- 65% would come to a Saturday open house
- 290 (46%) would come to a pub night, 30% maybe
- most approved a \$10 fee for a pub night
- 155 (25%) would come to a Sunday brunch, 40% maybe, 35% no
- 33% favoured a fee of \$40 for the brunch
- 170 people were interested in joining a choir
- 55 people were interested in a golf tournament
- most people favoured T-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs as memorabilia
- 90+ people (and 190+ as maybe) have offered to volunteer to fundraise, advertise, coordinate decade rooms, act as hospitality

**Program for the Weekend:** Janet asked the committee flesh out the program for the celebration. It was decided that

- on Friday, we would
  - set up the decade rooms starting on Friday afternoon
  - set up registration tables in the main foyer and distribute the memorabilia packages included in the registration fee and also the clothing etc (pre-bought online). At registration, fees would be collected (if not already prepaid) for the Friday night Wine and Cheese and Concert event and/or for the Saturday Pub night. The tables would be open for 5 pm.
  - have a wine and cheese social in the gym
  - have a concert (ticketed) in Lismer Hall
- on Saturday, we would
  - open at 9 am for staff and 9:30 for the general public for the Open House
  - have a formal opening ceremony at 11 am in Lismer Hall and a closing ceremony at 4:30
  - have a pub night at various locations. (In 1992, the pre-60s gathered at the Legion on Lakeshore Blvd, the '60s and '70s at the Argonaut Rowing Club and the '80s and '90s at Palais Royale)

For the 2017 event, several locations were suggested.

- 3030 (Dundas West) (Karen will investigate)
- Lithuanian Banquet Halls, 1573 Bloor St W (Donna)
- High Park Curling Club (Howard)

- on Sunday, we may have a brunch. It was decided that at this time, planning for this event was low priority. The Old Mill was suggested as a location.

With this framework in mind, Janet will approach the Tim Prior, Maria Savides and Laura Menard to see where the current Humberside staff can help or plan non-conflicting events.

**Other Business:** Janet said that she would inquire about obtaining plaques for the seats beyond the first 200 that have been already mounted.

Bob S arranged to meet with Graeme and Karen at 4:30 pm on Monday, Oct 20, at the Toronto Dominion branch at St Clair and Runnymede, to formally sign him in as the new Treasurer for the HCAA bank account. Bob S will investigate getting a Paypal account for the HCAA.

Karen entered 140 2014 HCI graduates onto the graduates list on the website.

Karen stated that the focus of this year's Remembrance Day assembly at HCI would be World War 1 and that she would ask Jim to send out an email to our members to see if anyone has any stories, memorabilia etc that are Humberside specific.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Janet's house, 4 Bigham Crescent.