

Humberside Collegiate Alumni Association (HCAA) Executive Committee

Minutes of the Thursday, March 2, 2017 Meeting

Location: Janet's House, 4 Bigham Crescent.

Attendees: Janet Keele '66-'04(**Co-Chair**), Graeme Dymond '02 (**Co-Chair**), Karen Maguire '82, '92 to present (**Vice-Chair**), Bob Savaryn '75 (**Treasurer**), Bob Walton '75-'05 (**Secretary**), Jacquie Raidl-Dankner '87, Doug Wighton '71, Thom Norris '52, Symantha Rush '86, , Barnaby Ross '75, Roman Dasek '92, Zoran Vukinasovic '83.

Regrets: Jim Drass '84 , Peter Jermyn '03.

Absent: Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk '75 (**External Affairs**), , Anetta (Bulut) Jewell '84, Perrin Chong '01 Carolyn Tolton '91, Heather Pessione '96.

Quorum, Call to Order, Welcome, Review of Agenda: Janet called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes: Bob W apologized for not sending out the minutes of the last meeting. Those minutes (January 19, 2016) were read over and accepted, after one minor change.

Treasurer's Report: Bob S reported that there had been no change in the bank balance of \$16 665.

125th Anniversary Celebration Weekend – October 20-22, 2017:

General News: Janet reported that she had visited the last HCI Staff meeting and had laid out what the HCAA was planning and gave suggestions as to what the staff could do. Matthew Skinner volunteered his Classics Club to provide refreshments in the Cafeteria. The issue of publicizing the Celebration on Facebook and other social media vehicles like Instagram and Twitter was discussed. Roman reported that his friend, Danielle Stoddart '93, was ready to go with the latter two vehicles but just needed the link to the Facebook group. ("Humberside's 125th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations October 20 & 21, 2017".)

It was agreed that the school's website needs to have a link to our website. Janet will ask school secretary, Lesia W? to do that. (Lesia has already put an article re the Celebration in the Parents Newsletter.)

Registration Form: Jacquie reported that as of that morning the registration form, provided by Friesen's, was up and running. She will send it to Jim to post on the website along with other updated information about the Celebration. Pictures of items that can be ordered will be added later. She encouraged everyone present to register as soon as they could.

Sponsorship Letter and Cover Letter: Jacquie reminded us of the procedure that money flows from the sponsors to the HCAA. First the sponsors send a cheque to the school payable to the Friends of Humberside. The school sends the cheques to Anetta, Treasurer of the FOH, who then deposits it in the FOH bank account. Anetta informs Heather, Secretary of the FOH, who sends receipts to the donors. Anetta writes a cheque from the FOH account to the appropriate recipient or HCI account.

Jacquie again requested leads for sponsors so that she can send them a sponsorship request letter.

Reunion Telephone: The telephone number needs to be put on our website so that interested members can call and leave a message. Other ways of publicizing the event were discussed. Canada News Wire(CNW) will accept press releases , up to 150 words, that are distributed to small local newspapers, like Metroland , Snap, Guardian. Jacquie will do this. Graeme took pictures of the group and will send them to Snap, Bloor West Villager and the Guardian to be listed as an event, with an appropriate writeup. Janet will continue to contact Leslie Ferenc at the Star.

Decade Rooms: Doug Wighton reported the 40's and 50's will be combined in one room, with Gord Nichols and Thom involved. The 70's will be displayed in Room 202, with Karen Maguire involved. The 2000's will be chaired by Peter Jermyn and friends, with Madison Maguire volunteered by her mother., Jacquie will organize the 80's room. Doug will be in charge of the 70's room. Doug will bring a list of organizers to the next meeting. Roman said he knew someone from the 90's that might help organize that room.

Doug and team will go into the Archives Rooms in April and put artifacts in containers, with the job completed by the end of June. In September, he will ask Peer Leaders at HCI for assistance before and during the Celebration. Thom requested that anyone who was 90 years of age and older should be given free registration. Steven Wells will sell excess yearbooks on the merchandise table.

Friday Night Concert: Janet reported that over 120 members had replied to her request for choir members. She requested an OK for funds for printing and binders for the music. Graeme made a motion, with Samantha seconding, to make the funds available. Music currently in the school will be used. There is still a riser problem. Tickets for the concert, requested using the registration form, will prevent people from coming and going. Students currently at the school will be used as ushers and usherettes.

Formal Welcome: The question of what special guests to be invited was raised. It was agreed that Sarah Doucette and Robin Pilkey, along with the current and former principals and vice-principals would be invited. The current choir and band would provide music.

Pub Night Report: Bob W reported on the last committee meeting at which it was moved that live music would be provided by Roman's band after 11:30 pm in the ground floor Main Hall. This would appeal to younger graduates. Roman explained that he would be providing a DJ and video screens and that there would be no cost because he has sponsors. Some members expressed concern about being able to carry on conversations while a band was playing. Bob S raised concerns about selling out, security and management of the crowd, from his experience at the 1992 Pub Night. It was proposed that perhaps a second set of tickets be sold for entry from 11 pm on but this would provide a ticketing problem. Bob W relayed Linda Galas quote of \$16/person for food and the committee agreed that the maximum amount for the finger food (non-sloppy, not hot , non-refrigerated) would be at most, \$5 to \$6 a person. It was agreed that we would table the discussion of Pub Night until the next meeting.

Other Business: Kate Dembski, HCI Art teacher is planning to display some of her students work in the cafeteria. The Phys Ed department may have a display in Room 224 or the lower gym gallery. The banner on the tennis court fence at the front of the school had weathered somewhat. Bob W reported that he had repaired it somewhat and had taped over the information re the 2015 Gala. Doug will examine it to see if it is OK. Janet suggested a large banner in the front of the school, over the door, might be in order.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2017