

Humberside Collegiate Alumni Association (HCAA) Executive and 125th Organizing Committee Minutes of the Thursday, November 9, 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, Thom Norris '52, Doug Wighton '71, Anetta (Bulut) Jewell '84, Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk '75 (**External Affairs**).

Regrets: Barnaby Ross '75, Zoran Vukinasovic '83, Carolyn Tolton-Paterson '91, , Roman Dasek '92', Jim Drass '84 , Symantha Rush '86.

Quorum, Call to Order, Welcome, Review of Agenda: Janet called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm and Doug W provided some refreshments to toast our successful work on the 125th Celebrations.

Treasurer's Report: Bob S produced an interim statement that showed for the 125th Celebrations that there were Expenses of \$42,003.06 and Income of \$61,227.05. With the previous balance, it brought our bank balance to approximately \$33, 440. An update will be provided for the next meeting as proceeds and bills continue to be processed.

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

Decade Rooms: Doug commented that he felt the presentations and the reunions that went on in the decade reunions were a success. The knockdown on Sunday morning went very well. On the negative side, however he said that the hallways were too narrow for the large traffic that occurred most of the Friday night and all day Saturday. He felt that the 90s and 2000s rooms in 206 and 207 were too isolated in their hallway from the others. Doug has asked Jim Drass to add the contacts (to the alumni database) that he had received from Jacquie's survey. Thom will also asked Jim to do the same with the names in the sign-in books that he had put out in the 40s and 50s room. He also said that he had witnessed a standing ovation for the Celebration at a recent golf grads reunion.

Registration and Commemorative Items: Karen has thanked all the HCI teachers that helped out with registration, especially on the Friday afternoon, the students who assisted in various ways (valets, ushers, elevator attendants, sound and lighting crew etc), Joe the caretaker and his staff. She needs to order more mugs to give to them as a sign of our appreciation for their efforts.

Jackie mentioned that all 250 of the Commemorative books were sold out but that she had another 13 to sell to interested parties on her list. It was mentioned that if they had ordered another 100, they would have been able to sell them, increasing the profit per book from \$2.50 to a higher amount. Bob W mentioned that the school secretary had asked about what was going to happen to the extra mugs, bags and programs that were left in the 125th room in the nurses office.

Pub Night: Bob W reported that even though 920 tickets had been sold only a maximum of 750 people attended, even though we had changed the policy that no tickets would be sold at the door on the Friday night. It turned out that about 30 tickets were sold at the door. Security at the door was adequate with Gerry McGraw and his friend Ray along with one of Bob W, Graeme and Bob S always there. There were no issues with doorcrashers. After 10 pm there was very little in-traffic. Graeme mentioned that one action that helped was that the outside door to Bar Lokys was locked.

Anetta mentioned that the food prepared by the Cheese Boutique was plentiful and well presented by 2 Cheese Boutique employees and Zoran and Samantha. Some of the food left over was taken by some Humbersiders to an afterparty. Graeme thanked Zoran whose diligence in examining the bill led to a savings of \$350.

The refreshments that we had projected would be needed for the event were proved adequate. However there were some issues that had to be dealt with that night in dealing with the new inexperienced manager of Lithuanian House. She had not engaged enough bartenders and there were long lineups in the second floor bar. The beer had not been adequately cooled as well. We had to insist that there be a separate bar in Hall B in the basement. Hall D on the third floor was closed early because of the lack of millennial attendees there and the need to use their bartender on the second floor. There proved to be no need for music systems in the

Halls because the level of conversations drowned them out. Roman's band was well received and the audio-visual presentations on the large screens was outstanding. There were some small complaints that the sound system especially the singer's voice were not distinct enough.

Concert and Welcome Assembly: Janet felt that the Welcome Assembly was too long but most people disagreed, stating that all the speakers were excellent, including the present student council president. Karen thought that the kids were mesmerized by the speakers, especially Cam Tolton and Ted Lea. Kudos were expressed to Jim Drass for live-streaming the concert and assembly and for posting the complete versions to Youtube. He is currently working on establishing links to those two events on the HCAA webpage. Janet expressed the need for an eight week rehearsal for the choir because this year's five week one was too short.

Activities in the Gyms: Karen mentioned how well the upper gym looked in its display of 125 Years of Humberside Athletics, largely due to the Humberside Athletic Council. The baseball hats and extra gym shirts that were sold there were completely sold out. Bob W remarked about the great game of basketball that occurred on the Saturday afternoon. It celebrated HCI lifeguard Gerry McGraw's involvement in evening recreation for Humberside grads over many years.

Activities in the Cafeteria: There were various compliments paid to the Art displays, the HCI merchandise (umbrellas, keychains etc) and the refreshments sold.

Archives: There is still more work to be done in the Archives with the putting away of 125th materials to be done. There is still money left from the contribution made by the Toltons and it would probably fund one week of the archivists time. The archivist, Ashley, was the preferred candidate but the question was whether she would have time to do the job. Suggestions were made that they could make suggestions on how to display archival items and to prepare a checklist on how to display an item. Mike Dingwall is the current ACL of Social Sciences and therefore, responsible for the Archives. Phys Ed needs a portfolio or more to put the large amount of material that they had assembled for their display of 125 Years of Humberside Athletics.

Distribution of 125th Funds: This will be talked about at a future meeting but it was clarified that some of the funds could go to raise money for the Friends of Humberside scholarship fund. (There is \$1800 annually paid out that comes from an account that has been static at \$80,000 for 25 years). The HCAA can sit on its funds or direct it to specific uses in the school whereas the FOH has to distribute its funds.

The Future of the HCAA: Also this will be talked about at a future meeting but the enlistment of younger people for the Executive was a principal need. Several members expressed the hope for a 10 year (135th) reunion.

Newsletter: Jacquie announced that she was preparing a newsletter that focused on the 125th weekend and invited photos for it. She also stated that there would be a 125th portfolio for the Archives and invited appropriate items to be put into it.

Other Business: Three more seats in Lismar Hall were sold. Anetta suggested that Janet's master list of seats, indicating the donor and their corresponding seat, be put online. Janet will forward the list to Graeme, who will forward it to Jim, to put on our website.

There was a question raised about the missing Ontario Scholars framed boards, dating from 1993 to 2006. Karen answered that the frames had been taken from those boards for the Ontario Scholars lists of 2007 to the present by the previous principal for money reasons. Karen will try to find out where they are and inform the current principal.

Bob W stated he had taken down the letters of the sign "HUMBERSIDE COLLEGIATE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OCT 20-21" that were on the front windows of the school for the last 5 months. Zoran helped. However the letters "CELEBRATIONS" had been lost. The Executive felt that the letters were still worth preserving and kept in the archives.

Social: Anetta invited everyone to a party at her house on Thursday evening, December 7.

Next Meeting: To be determined.