

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

## **Minutes of the Thursday, November 24, 2016 Meeting**

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

**Attendees:** Janet Keele '66-'04 (**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, Zoran Vukinasovic '83

**Regrets:** Jim Drass '84, Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk '75 (**External Affairs**), Graeme Dymond '02 (**Co-Chair**), Barnaby Ross '75, Anetta (Bulut) Jewell '84, Heather Pessione '?, Perrin Chong '?

**Quorum, Call to Order, Welcome, Review of Agenda:** Janet called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting (September 15, 2016) were read over and accepted after the time of start of rehearsals for the Celebration Choir was changed to September 2017 (from winter, 2017) and Zoran's year of graduation verified.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob S reported that there was a balance of \$16 665 in the HCAA account since there had been a deposit of a cheque from the Friends of Humberside for the Archives.

**Newsletter:** Jacquie was thanked by everyone for the latest newsletter that had come out earlier in the week. Already twenty plus alumni had responded to the request for choir members.

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

Janet reminded us that the celebration was less than a year away and was a 3 day event since cleanup would take place on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also wondered if we needed to put some firm dates down for the different committees.

**Pub Night:** Bob W reported on the meeting of October 13 that he and 6 others had attended at the Lithuanian Hall. The tour of the building revealed that there were bars, bathrooms and kitchens on every floor, elevator access to each floor, and a gave us an actual view of the different halls and the Lokys Bar in the lower level. Bob reported on the baseline allocation of halls suggested by Graeme, with the Lokys Bar for grads of the 40s and 50s, Hall B (also on the lower level) for grads of the 60s and 70s, Hall A on the second floor for the 80s and 90s and Hall D on the third floor for the 00s and onwards. It was agreed that there would be no hot food, only finger food (hors d'oevres). There was a question about barmen and servers, which will have to be clarified. Other questions raised concerned cloak rooms, a budget for decorations (none), and PA systems. Bob S will ask if he can bring in his own wine.

Janet suggested that \$15 would be a reasonable price to charge for admission to the event (on top of registration fees). Four dollars of that \$15 would go towards hall rental and food would also come out of that. She reminded us also that any excess funds raised over the weekend would go back to the school. Janet also recommended that the Pub Night start at 6 pm to accommodate the older alumni who would not be staying late.

**Decade Rooms:** Doug Wighton reported that he had gone through the names of people that had volunteered to help with the decade rooms and had found that there were not enough to be the lead supervisory person or to help provide supervision for the 7 rooms over the 10 or 11 hours that the rooms are open. Karen recommended the student peer leaders to help with that supervision. Jacquie reminded Doug that when the registration starts in January and as the email blasts come out requesting help (one had already come out in the newsletter), there will be more volunteers.

Doug and 2 of his friends planned to visit Humberside in early December to talk with Steven Wells, Head of History, and to look at archival materials that may be used in the decade rooms..

· **Sponsorship Letter:** Jacquie presented the second draft of the sponsorship letter and several changes were made. The amounts were changed for the Valedictorian and White levels to \$1000 and \$50 respectively and cheques would be made out to Friends of Humberside. At the school, there will be a board showing the logos of sponsors.

· **Merchandise:** Jacquie showed some samples of mugs, water bottles, T-shirts, hoodies, and pens that she had received from 4imprint Promotional Products. There was a discussion of colours and whether zipped or non-zipped pullover/sweatshirts were desired. Jacquie informed us that the fee for merchandise ordering was cheaper at 3% using Friesen's website than using PayPal's 3.95%. The calendar has been dropped from the order form.

**Commemorative Book:** Karen reiterated that the book will be hardcover.

**Registration:** There will be both a paper form and an online one, with dropdown menus etc. The problem of access for disabled persons will be added as a question on the registration form.

**Friday Night Concert:** Janet asked whether tickets were needed, so that a commitment to come to the concert and stay, would be in place. It was decided to ask for attendance intentions on the registration form and then to place them in the goodies bag. She informed us that, in order to keep costs down, she would be using sheet music that was already owned by the Humberside music department. The program would be approximately 90 minutes long with 14 to 15 choral selections, including solos from musicals. There is a possibility of having an accompanying brass group that would also play "Hail Humberside". Rehearsals would be once a week from September on with a day of the week to be determined. There would be a dress rehearsal on the Thursday before the weekend and probably a rehearsal on the Saturday before. Janet talked about the problem of risers, which seem to have disappeared from Lismer Auditorium.

**Other Celebration Business:** There was a discussion about reserving a block of rooms at a local hotel or at least providing a list of local hotels, motels and B&Bs. Karen reported that there had been 3 messages on the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration answering extension on the HCI phone line. She will ask Sasha Dallas, HCI teacher and alumnus, to monitor calls. Samantha suggested that we also think of using the Parent Council, of which she is a member, for help with the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

**Archives:** Janet reported that she has convinced Principal Linton that the HCAA can be responsible for the \$5000 donated by Caroline Tolton towards the hiring of an archivist to work on the Humberside archives. It is hoped that that project will start in January.

**Other Business:** Bob W will study the website for items that need updating and will inform Jim Drass. A question was raised about the progress of the school project to make a movie about the history of Humberside.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 19, 2017