

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
6:30 p.m., July 9, 2018
Masemann Residence

Present: Evan Butchers (Chair), S. Burk, D. Chadwick, D. Fuller, J. Heighway, I. Hubel,
R. Watson, Vandra Masemann, Volker Masemann
Guests: D. Halliday, L. Maxwell
Regrets: A. Ashby, R. Tennyson, V. Tsorlinis

1. Minutes of June 12, 2018 Meeting

Motion: That the June 12th Minutes be adopted.

Moved by D. Fuller, seconded by J. Heighway.

Carried.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **MRBS Mailbox in School Office**

Nothing new to report at this time.

- **Missing Items from Archives Room**

Vandra Masemann will continue her efforts to locate the 1967 Book of Letters.

- **Proposed Renaming of School Auditorium**

Vandra Masemann followed up with Nickie Lewis, who advised that there is a TDSB Naming Rights Policy and that any proposal to name the school auditorium would be considered at the Board level. (Apparently it is customary that only deceased people are honoured in this manner.) After some discussion, it was decided that the MRBS should remain neutral in this regard, as we represent all alumni. However, if a group of Malvern alumni would like to spearhead a campaign to have the auditorium named after a particular individual, e.g. George MacRae, they are free to submit a proposal to the TDSB.

- **Malvern School Grounds Naturalization Project**

Vandra reported that the School Grounds Naturalization Project was approved by the School Council and the Principal, as per TDSB policy, and provided additional information on this project to beautify the school grounds with a butterfly garden, seating, outdoor classrooms with topics related to the natural environment, etc. Vandra will send an email outlining the project in more detail. It was agreed that the MRBS will generally support this project, but will not fundraise for it directly as it is not alumni-related. An article on this project will be featured in the Fall *Musings* and will include a link to either the project's website or to the TDSB donations portal.

- **Fall *Musings***

Members are requested to consider and submit for discussion at the Sept. meeting possible topics for the Fall *Musings*.

3. Announcements

- Evan Butchers advised that as he will be moving to Midland effective July 18th, he will regrettably have to step down as President of the MRBS. He agreed to continue as President until the November AGM and elections. The MRBS extended our thanks to Evan for his involvement with the MRBS over the years and for his leadership during this term.

- Dean Sasabouchi's Science class students will be raising funds for Rod Tennyson's TAP Project.
- Vandra's article about the Principal and Commencement for the mid-July edition of the Beach Metro News was not required.

4. President's Report – Evan Butchers

- **Commencement**

Commencement/graduation ceremonies took place at the school on the evening of June 28th. Sheila Carey-Meagher, TDSB Trustee -Ward 16, and Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP Beaches – East York (and Malvern alumnus) were in attendance. Vandra Masemann and Evan Butchers were honoured to represent the OMF and MRBS. This year's MRBS Awards were presented to Jojo Okyere-Darkoh and Sebastian Scoular-Stajic.

Unfortunately, the two recipients of OMF awards were not present to accept their awards at the ceremony. Vandra also presented the Johnny Johnson Award, on behalf of the late Sonya Munro.

- **Gardens**

Thanks to Volker Masemann and Joyce Heighway for tending the gardens. They look great and at Commencement it was noted that many people were having photos taken in front of the flower beds.

5. Vice President's Report – Sandra Burk

- Nothing to report.

6. Communications Reports:

Vandra Masemann - mail

- Vandra reported that memorial donations have been received in memory of Sonya Munro and also early Malvernite Agnes Mutrie Kerr.
- Thank you letters will go out shortly to all donors and tax receipts will be issued by Lorie later. Lorie will be invited to attend the Sept. 11th MRBS meeting or to meet with Vandra immediately prior to the meeting in order to sort out the finances and transfer donations that were received in the period of May to July and were intended for the MRBS.

Bob Watson – email, phone

- Bob reported that he followed up with the donor and that he has arranged to pick up the 1972 *Muse* on July 10th.
- 1940s – 0 calls/emails.
- 1960s – 0 calls/emails.
- Red and Black –0 calls/emails.
- Bob also reported that the #3665 listed on the fence is no longer the number of the Community Hotline. He will investigate and report back in September.

Dianne (Renwick) Chadwick – database

- Dianne is currently updating the Members and In Memoriam lists and when completed will provide both Vandra and Evan with same.

David Fuller – Member Communications

- David reported that he received a request to help someone locate a relative and is doing research in this regard.
- See #10 below re: discussion on website, Facebook, etc.

Motion: That the Communication reports be received.

Moved by S. Burk, seconded by David Fuller.

Carried.

7. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson

- Bob reported a remaining bank balance of \$2,070.44, noting that one \$100. MRBS Award has not yet been cashed.

8. Report on OMF

- The OMF will continue to operate on an as-needed basis.
- Steve Thomas has been advised with respect to the status of the OMF.
- Lorie will file statement/report as required with CRA at OMF year-end (Aug. 31st).

9. Archives Committee Report

Vandra reported that:

- She still has not received a response from the school or the TDSB regarding The Future of the Malvern Archives document that was submitted.
- The main Archives expenditure so far has been \$500. for the purchase of acid-free boxes for storing vintage clothing.
- Donna Halliday has finished editing some 5,000 entries in the Archives inventory database and will forward same to the TDSB Archives for their Archive Cataloguing System. (Our thanks to Donna!)
- Funding for repairing "The Big Book" was previously turned down by Ottawa as it didn't fit the mandate that year, but it may be worth reapplying. David Fuller to investigate and report back/advise further.
- Also, as previously reported,:
 - Vandra was approached by the Malvern School Council Chair about getting more known about the Archives. She will prepare a Power Point presentation with illustrations for the fall.
 - Harbord CI Archives requested our Archive Committee's assistance in doing an inventory of their archives. This will be an ongoing initiative.

10. Ideas/Suggestions for Improving Member Communications via MRBS Website and Facebook – Guest Subject Matter Expert: Shanta R. Nathwani

David Fuller, Dianne Chadwick and Al Schwartz were previously suggested as possible Web Committee members. David and Dianne indicated they are willing to serve on this Committee. Rod or Evan to approach Al Schwartz.

Rod Tennyson reported that he sent a questionnaire to the MRBS executive with respect to redesign and reorganization of our website and Facebook pages, etc. Several members in attendance indicated that they did not receive this questionnaire, so Rod will resend it.

11. Application for Charitable Tax Status

- The Charitable Status Committee members are: E. Butchers, B. Watson and Volker Masemann.
- Bob reported that he has reviewed the application form and that a great deal of information is required.
- Sandra to follow up with William Pace re: list of points to consider, names of lawyers who handle charitable organization business, etc.

12. Display of Archival Materials

As previously agreed, Rod Tennyson will prepare for submission to the Principal a document outlining the proposal to display archival material in prominent and secure locations/display cases in the school and related funding requirements, if any.

13. Next Meeting Date

- **Next meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the MCI Archives Room.**

14. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Dianne Renwick. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.