

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00 p.m. – MCI Archives Room 202A

Present: Sandra Burk (Chair), Adele Ashby, David Fuller, Joyce Heighway, Vandra Masemann, Volker Masemann, Dianne Renwick, Rod Tennyson
Regrets: Irene Hubel, Lois Maxwell, Bob Watson

1. Minutes of September 10, 2019 meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the September 10th meeting be accepted. Moved by A. Ashby, seconded by Volker Masemann. Carried.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

• **The Big Book**

Vandra reported that the letter regarding ownership of the "Big Book" will be kept on file at the school. Copies will be made available as required.

• **1967 Book of Letters Missing Item from Archives Room**

The Book of Letters, a 1967 Centennial project, a compilation of letters from elected officials, including then Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and others, outlining their hopes for the future of Canada, went missing from the Archives room some time ago. Principal B. Shaw put out a notice to staff but no response has been received to date. Vandra Masemann will continue her efforts to locate the book, including checking the storage room and following up with Jan Haskings Winner.

• **Display of Archival Materials**

- The first display this fall will be prepared by Vandra and David for Remembrance Day.
- Vandra's Power Point presentation on the archives, together with some related archival items, will be the next display. Vandra to make arrangements for same.
- Vandra and Rod to follow-up with Sean Mathews, Media Arts teacher, about involving students in developing digital displays of archival materials, including short videos along the lines of Heritage Minutes.

• **Recruitment of Volunteers to Serve on MRBS Executive**

Sandra posted on Facebook on June 11th to see if there are any interested candidates and Vandra posted a follow-up. No volunteers have stepped forward. As AGM is approaching, Sandra will post again on Facebook.

• **Application for Charitable Tax Status – B. Watson/Volker Masemann**

The application remains in abeyance. Vandra noted that there are other means for donors to obtain tax receipts, e.g., Canada Helps, TDSB Cash Online Portal.

• **Cenotaph Repairs - Vandra Masemann**

David Fuller emailed Sanderson on September 10th and will follow-up. If approved, repair should be done in time for Remembrance Day in November.

3. Announcements

- Sandra noted that Vicky Tsorlinis was named Beach Citizen of the Year for her charitable work.
- Dean Tsabouchi informed Vandra of new science labs.

4. President's Report – Sandra Burk

Sandra reported that she has been posting items of interest as well as obituaries on the MRBS Facebook group page. Sandra and Vandra will need the codes to access the website and edit content.

5. Communications Reports –

• Vandra Masemann – mail

- Vandra advised that she picked up mail from the school on Sept. 11th. There was one bounce back from last mailing and 3 bank statements.

• Bob Watson – email

Bob reported via email that there were:

- 5 emails for MRBS, all have been responded to or forwarded internally;
- 25 junk mails for the 1940s; and
- nothing for 1960s.

• Dianne Chadwick – database

Dianne reported that there has been very little action, probably because we did not do a spring issue of Musings. Sandra to forward the "In Memoriam" list to Dianne.

• David Fuller – website, Facebook - discussion of Members List

- David reported that the MRBS minutes Sandra forwarded to him for Oct. 2018 to July 2019 have been posted to the website. Also, Sandra reported that she provided Vandra with signed hard copies of those minutes for the binder in the Archives Room.

Motion: That the Communications reports be accepted. Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by Adele Ashby. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson

- Bob reported via email that the balance in our bank account is currently \$2,259.77 and that there is one uncashed cheque (MRBS award) in the amount of \$200.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by Volker Masemann. Carried.

7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann

- Greg McKinnon of the TDSB is to meet with Donna Halliday on October 18th to formally accept our archives database, which will be fed into the TDSB's museum quality software program. Vandra Masemann will also attend. We are the first school to provide this to the TDSB.
- Plans for the fall include: cataloguing vintage wear, accessioning books on shelves, newspaper clippings and trophies that are on display in the Archives Room, a database available to all Malvernites, contacting Greg MacKinnon at TDSB re: submitting our archives database.

8. Improving MRBS Communications

- As no Facebook members volunteered to lead this initiative, Vandra contacted Sean Matthews Sean Matthews to see about engaging students to work on updating the MRBS website. Mr. Matthews was enthusiastic about the project, will assign students to work on heritage minutes, etc. Vandra to provide USB keys.
- Erik Malmsten's work reviewing/correcting copies of the Muses to ensure that they are all in the same format is ongoing.

9. Fall Musings

The following topics and assignments were suggested for the fall *Musings* which must go out before the AGM:

1. Message from the President – Sandra
2. Malvern Commencement 2019, including award winners and Reese Fallon Scholarship - Vandra;
3. Tribute to Evan Butchers – theme of "A Life of Service" - Joyce Heighway, with assistance from others;
4. In Memoriam - Sandra;
5. Cenotaph repairs and appeal for donations – David;
6. Archives and Digital Archives Project and appeal for donations (advertise our new Archival Display case?) – Vandra and Donna;
7. Photos – of the graduation, cenotaph, Old Muse photos, etc. – Vandra, Erik;
8. Call to AGM Meeting and Call for Nominations (can also post on Facebook in order to provide notice) - Vandra;
9. Other suggestions: possibly RFP for Reunion; feature on Illustrious Beach Residents such as Dr. Fred Urquhart, Art Hindle, Kiefer Sutherland and also less well-known, not necessarily famous alumni.

10. Annual General Meeting

2019 AGM will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the MCI Library (main floor). Sandra and Vandra will compile the Annual Report. Please forward your reports as soon as available.

11. Proposed 1950s-60s Reunion – May 2020

- survey of MRBS executive indicated that several would prefer that the reunion be only for 50s/60s alumni, as if 70s alumni were invited they would likely make up the majority. As a result, the event might feel less intimate and 50s/60s alumni might feel they didn't know anyone and be disappointed.
- previous MRBS decision that although the MRBS will support reunions, we will not assume sole responsibility for all of the work (planning, organizing, etc.) required for these events. A proposal was put out on Facebook. There was some interest, but no volunteers stepped forward to help organize.
- Vandra suggested that a smaller event held at the school might be more enjoyable for 50s/60s alumni.

Motion: That Rod Tennyson provide a summary of comments/suggestions and his recommendation re: proposed reunion and Vandra to speak with Sean Matthews about possible student involvement in reunion, whether it be at the BBCC or at the school.

Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by Volker Masemann. Carried.

12. Other/New Business

- **Remembrance Day**

- Vandra to follow-up with Principal to find out plans for Remembrance Day ceremony.

- **Fundraising**

- School Gardens**

- Vandra suggested an appeal be made for funds for the gardens and spring bulbs

- Cenotaph**

- Vandra pointed out that 2022 will be the cenotaph's centennial and suggested that we begin a fundraising campaign to refurbish the cenotaph by repairing the lettering on the plinth and replacing the sword.

13. Next Meeting

Monday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. – Beacher Café

(Note: cancelled and rescheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Beacher Café.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Adele Ashby. The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.