

**Malvern Red & Black Society  
Executive Committee  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
8:05 p.m. – Teleconference Meeting**

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

**1. Minutes of July 9, 2019 meeting**

Moved acceptance of the Minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting: Volker Masemann, seconded by Vandra Masemann. Carried.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

• **The Big Book**

The letter Vandra prepared on behalf of Principal B. Shaw regarding ownership of the "Big Book" has been signed and will be kept on file at the school. Copies to be obtained as required, e.g., to include with the application for the Federal grant.

• **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 Vandra's Power Point presentation on the archives, along with some related archival items. 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 11<sup>th</sup> to see if there are any interested candidates and Vandra posted a follow-up. Although several people "liked" the post, so far 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.

• **Cenotaph Repairs - Vandra Masemann**

Vandra followed up with Sanderson Monuments for repair of the damaged letters on the Cenotaph plinth, but did not receive a reply. David Fuller emailed Sanderson on September 10<sup>th</sup>. If approved, repair should be done in time for Remembrance Day in November.

**3. Announcements**

No announcements.

#### **4. President's Report – Sandra Burk**

Sandra reported that she has been granted Administrator rights on the MRBS Facebook page and is still learning how to navigate the system. Sandra and Vandra will need the codes to access the website and edit content.

#### **5. Communications Reports –**

- **Vandra Masemann – mail**

- Vandra advised that she will pick up mail when she is at the school on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> for the Archives meeting.

- **Bob Watson – email**

Bob reported via email that there were:

- 13 junk mails and 2 new member registrations for MRBS;
- 108 junk mails for the 1940s; and
- nothing for 1960s.

- **Dianne Chadwick – database**

Dianne reported via email that there were 2 new member registrations received via email. Also, she will look into the "snail mail" *Musings* that was returned during the summer.

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

- David reported via email that he has deleted a large number of junk emails in 1970s email box.
- David previously reported that he posted Feb. to Sept. 2018 MRBS minutes to our website. Sandra to forward additional minutes (Oct. 2018 to July 2019) for posting. Also, Sandra to provide signed hard copies of minutes for the binder in the Archives Room.

Moved acceptance of Communications reports: Volker Masemann, seconded by Vandra Masemann. Carried.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson**

- Bob reported via email that the balance in our bank account is currently \$2,261.72 and that there is one uncashed cheque in the amount of \$200.

Moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report: Vandra Masemann, seconded by Volker Masemann.

Carried.

#### **7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann**

- Items have been accessioned, photographed and added to the database. Donna Halliday worked hard all summer. In August, she and Irene Hubel researched obituaries.
- 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**

- Sandra reported that she posted on Facebook on July 9th in search of a Malvernite with web design experience to volunteer to lead this initiative but no

one has offered to lead the project. Vandra to contact Sean Matthews to see about engaging students to work on updating the MRBS website.

- Vandra reported that Erik Malmsten is reviewing/correcting copies of the Muses to ensure that they are all in the same format.

## **9. Fall Musings**

The following topics and assignments were suggested for the fall *Musings*. Please take on some of the work. We hope to have the fall issue out in early October.

1. Message from the President (to include thanks to Evan for his generous financial assistance) – 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);
9. Other suggestions: possibly RFP for Reunion; feature on Illustrious Beach Residents

## **10. Annual General Meeting**

2019 AGM will be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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**

Rod was unable to attend but emailed his proposal that a 1950s-60s reunion be planned for May 2020 at the Balmy Beach Club. Discussion took place regarding the following:

- 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. Should someone form a Reunion Committee and recruit alumni to do the work associated with the event? However, it was acknowledged that if MRBS is the organizer, we can solicit donations for MRBS;
- who would be willing to sponsor the event if held at BBCC (a BBCC member is required to sponsor and sponsorship carries a lot of responsibility);
- what the actual costs would be for this event (rental of hall, BBCC or alternate location, caterer for food/refreshments, honorarium for band and choir, etc.);
- whether a price should be set and tickets sold in advance or whether it should be a free event with donations welcome;
- if 1970s alumni should be included/invited; and
- how Executive members not present at tonight's meeting feel about a possible reunion and the above-noted issues.

Motion: That Vandra email Executive members to determine support for a reunion and opinions with respect to issues raised.

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

**12. Other/New Business**

No new business.

**13. Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. – MCI Archives, Room 202A**

**14. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Vandra Masemann. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.