

**Malvern
Red & Black Society
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2020
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

via Zoom

MRBS EXECUTIVE LIST 2019-20

The Malvern Red and Black Society, 55 Malvern Ave., Toronto ON M4E 3E4

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President, *Musings* Editor, and 70s Decade Rep.:

Sandra Burk

Vice-President:

Vacant

Past President; Chair, Archives Committee; *Musings* Editor, and OMF Member:

Vandra Masemann

Recording Secretary:

Ken Scullion

Treasurer, 1940s Rep., 1960s Rep., and OMF Member:

Robert Watson

1950s Rep. and OMF Member:

Rod Tennyson

Member at Large and OMF Member:

Adele Ashby

Member at Large and Database Manager:

Dianne Chadwick

Member at Large and Archives Committee Member:

Lois Maxwell

Member at Large and Archives Committee Member:

Joyce Heighway

Member at Large and Archives Committee Member:

Ila Vaculik

Archives Committee Members:

Donna Halliday, Irene Hubel and Erik Malmsten

1903-1939 Rep.; Technical Director and Service Personnel Historian:

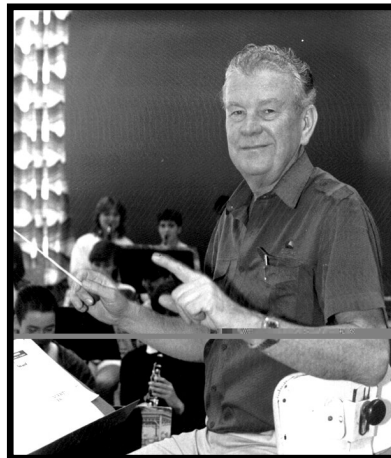
David Fuller

MRBS Garden Liaison: Volker Masemann, Joyce Heighway

Technical Committee: David Fuller, Shanta Nathwani, Paul Warner, Tim Daciuk

1980s - 1990s Reps.: Vacant; **2000s Rep.:** Darija Nelson

IN MEMORIAM
George McRae and Hilda Dymott



George McRae (May 18, 1926 – August 15, 2020) taught Music at Malvern from 1949 to 1986. He was Head of the Music Department from 1958 until his retirement. He conducted the Malvern Band which was renowned for playing at football games, at Malvern concerts, in the Toronto Santa Claus Parade, and in the Easter Parade in the Beach. For comments and great memories from former students, see the *MRBS – Malvern Red and Black Society* group on Facebook.



Hilda Dymott (1927 – August 6, 2020) taught commercial subjects at Malvern from 1956 to 1992. She was Head of the Business Education Department from 1979 to 1992. She is shown here at her retirement party receiving a present from Shanta Nathwani, an MRBS and Malvern Band member. She is remembered by generations of Malvern students as a wonderful teacher, and was in touch with them until this year. See more memories on the *MRBS- Malvern Red and Black Society* Facebook group.

Meeting Agenda November 7, 2020

1. Introductions

**2. Amendments to MRBS By-laws by a motion
to allow for electronic meetings and member voting - Sandra Burk**

3. 2019 AGM Minutes - Ken Scullion

4. Matters arising from the 2019 AGM Minutes

5. President's Report - Sandra Burk

6. Communications Reports

- (a) Snail Mail - Vandra Masemann**
- (b) Phone and Email - Bob Watson**
- (c) Database - Dianne Renwick**

7. Treasurer's Report - Bob Watson

8. Service Personnel Historian's Report - David Fuller

9. Committee Reports

- (a) Archives – Vandra Masemann**
- (b) Archives – Donna Halliday**

10. Other Reports

- (a) Technical - D. Fuller**
- (b) Garden - Volker Masemann**

11. Elections - vacancies for elected Vice President and appointed Decade Reps

12. Future Planning:

- a) Constitutional Review**
- b) Cenotaph Centennial Project for 2022**
- c) Possible Reunion**

13. Other Business

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Annual General Meeting
Nov. 2, 2019.
Malvern CI School Library

MINUTES

Present: Sandra Burk (Chair), Bob Watson, Volker Masemann, Rod Tennyson, David Fuller, Donna Halliday, Joyce Heighway, Adele Ashby, Dianne Chadwick, Lois Maxwell, Vandra Masemann, Ken Scullion.

Regrets: Erik Malmsten, Irene Hubel

Order of Business:

Introductions: Ken Scullion 1973 introduced himself. It was his first AGM, and likewise for Lois Maxwell, Member at Large. Introductions were made by those around the table.

2018 AGM Minutes

In Matters Arising – Vandra asked what it was what Rod had meant to say by the word, “accessibility”. He agreed that it meant more community access and displays in school display cases, making them available to researchers, community, students, staff, etc. Vandra suggested changing “members” to “community”. David says some grants stipulate "access to the community" to get a grant.

Motion: to accept Minutes as changed (Adele, Joyce, carried).

Matters arising from the 2018 AGM Minutes

Rod reported no new developments with the Water Barrel project as the idea of partnering with Calvary Baptist Church had not succeeded. Vandra reported that Dean Sasabuchi is still willing to do it with the co-operation of Centre 55. Vandra noted that a local Catholic school had had a successful project but that was because the TDCSB has the barrel supplier as a vendor. We can support the project, but TDSB rules prohibit us advertising to the Malvern families as the rain barrel supplier is not on the approved vendors' list for the TDSB (Adele, Joyce moved, carried).

President's Report – Sandra Burk

Sandra reported that it had been a quiet year, and most effort had been expended through the archives committee and trying to get more volunteers for the MRBS Executive and the Archives Committee. Facebook is helping to get the word out. Vandra asked advice about the people who want to join the Facebook group, but

didn't attend Malvern. We already ask them what year they graduated from Malvern. Dianne will give us questions which are standard when there are membership requests. The group is open to Malvern friends and family, not to commercial contacts. Sandra want to know how to edit messages from others before allowing them to be posted. David will look into the process.

Dianne commended Sandra for accepting the challenge of leadership as president after Evan's passing and her subsequent efforts on our behalf.

(Sandra, Bob, carried).

Communications Reports

- **Snail Mail** – Vandra Masemann

Vandra reported that the headings for these reports originated when paper mail was mainly used. Now the MRBS connection with donors is through Canada Helps, but they are not counted as mail. She suggested a review of the headings to include donations from Canada Helps, Facebook and other donor websites. Another reason for lack of incoming mail was that Evan had decided to do his own fund raiser and send out the tax receipts and thank yous. She noted that Evan has a problem with the tax receipts not being sent out to the last of Evan's donors. After his passing, Vandra received his files and followed through with the receipts and thank yous. She also noted that we need to cut down expenses so we can send out two Musings a year.

We have over 600 on Facebook now. The East End pub night has been opened to all the high schools. We need to start to use other online networks to get out the word about MRBS.

- **Phone and Email** – Bob Watson

As the community phone had been disconnected, there is no longer any opportunity for members to leave phone messages. There has also been minimal email. There are usually more donations after reunions. (Correction in the AGM Report - 1960s not 1960's).

- **Database** – Dianne Chadwick

Correction in the AGM Report - change "consent" to "connect". There are more on the active email list than on the snail mail address list now. Constant revision has been due to death, losing touch, moving, etc. She suggested that we encourage people on Facebook to register for the MRBS. Sandra can post a link for our website on the Facebook site.

Vandra suggest posting a link re: missing Malvernites to see if we can reconnect. Dianne suggested that maybe we should profile people while they're still alive re: all the amazing, interesting things they've done. We need to get permission, unless it's something already posted online. Vandra noted the notice in the Musings of the exhibit by Malvern grad (1060s) Temma Gentles at the Textile Museum until November 17 as an example.

There was a discussion about producing articles which tell us interesting things

or nominate people to do their profile. Dianne suggested a link to Musings from Facebook, with questions, etc. Shanta had already suggested we post one article on Facebook each month from Musings, etc. As well as a link from website to Facebook, etc. We can feature articles from the archives. The process is to post articles on our website with link on Facebook to the website to the Musings. All the Committee Reports were accepted as written with corrections noted (Lois, Adele).

Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson

For the exact numbers, see page 6 of the Annual Report. It is self-explanatory with \$ 1860.00 the balance at present. Vandra asked if the MCI awards have been cashed yet. Since June 30 was the end of the MRBS fiscal year for 2018-2019, Lily McDonald's 2019 award of \$200.00 does not show up in this report (Bob, Volker, carried).

Service Personnel Historian's Report – David Fuller

See page 7 of the Annual Report. David reported that he wants to check the MRBS Deceased Database and work on WWII soldiers. He is trying to get more information on them if they're deceased. He used Donna Halliday's original database of those who served. David said he would write an article to send out and post photos of people who served. Vandra suggested that she post on Facebook requests for information to post about Malvernites, etc. who served, before Nov. 11, 2019. Bernadette has given the archives committee permission to use a display case in the hall, but probably not permanently. David will create montages from the photos he has. He has requested to get the letters repaired on the memorial...again, with no response.

Rod suggests the memorial be our fund raising project this year, to get it repaired ... again. Our Big Book is still in the vault. Vandra and David are to meet next week to do the display. Vandra will follow up to offer our help with MCI Remembrance Day this year as the former teacher had retired. David is trying to get a grant to restore it, but the photos all need to be scanned first. The principal is willing to sign a letter that says the MRBS owns the book so we can get the grant to restore it. David wants to post it on our website. And says that WordPress will support such a large file. David will redouble his effort to get a grant (David, Vandra, carried).

Committee Reports

- **Archives – Donna Halliday and Vandra Masemann**

See written report on pages 7-8. Donna and Vandra both spoke about the Committee's work. Ken Scullion suggested that the archival database be posted on the Malvern website, but it has not yet been processed. Vandra reported that the new principal has been very supportive. Vandra did a PowerPoint presentation to the Parent Council last June about the archives and Malvern history. Our archive room is now protected as a room on the 3rd floor has been renovated and is being

used as the meeting room instead of the archive room.

Graduation – Vandra described the new version of the Commencement ceremony offsite at Parkview Manor last June. It had no band and no invited keynote speaker. Lily MacDonald was the valedictorian. There were advantages and disadvantages to the new location and programme.

- **Garden** – Volker Masemann and Joyce Heighway

Their report is on page 8. They have just planted 80 red tulips, some almost black, for next spring. They are hoping to get a little more monetary support from alumni. Joyce says a number of neighbours and the caretaker are helping keep the gardens in good form.

(c) **Technical** – David Fuller. There is very little to report. He plans to do more research. Correction to be made on the last line: change “was been” to “has been”. He noted that the MRBS website comes up nicely on a smart phone screen.

(Committee reports approved - Lois, Adele, carried.)

Elections

- There was one nominee for the position of Recording Secretary – Ken Scullion. He was elected unanimously. Darija Nelson, class of 2009, volunteered to be the 2000s Rep. There were no nominees for the position of Vice President.
- Vandra will send them the job descriptions from the founding documents. David volunteered to be Ken’s backup to take minutes. We will post the list of the new executive on the website. Lois suggested we also post the job descriptions there.

Future Planning

Vandra asked for people's views on plans for next year so that we could follow through all useful ideas which came up during this meeting. Following is a list of suggestions:

1. Re-organize the headings for communications to include more electronic routes.
2. Raise money to repair the monument, particularly the letters of the names. The centenary will be in 2022.
3. Publish two Musings for the next year. We should keep track of ideas for items to include in the Musings from each MRBS monthly meeting.
4. Try to increase donations and post donors' names if they give permission. Encourage electronic donations. There is a place on Canada Helps to note that the donation is anonymous.
5. Draw up a projected budget for 2019-2020. We should set a fundraising goal, including the memorial as well as our costs for Musings, archives, etc.
6. Keep giving out the MRBS award - \$200.00.
7. Possible 50s, 60s reunion as proposed by Rod. So far there has been no response from alumni about this. He suggested a service position for younger member to learn e.g. student’s volunteer hours. Vandra suggested maybe a 1950s day at Malvern like the 2008 Early Malvernites Reunion – in spring 2020.

8.Improving our MRBS website. Ken asked what's achievable on our website. We need to find someone from MCI who could update our website. It can be set up that what's posted on web will automatically posted on Facebook. We can post each article, photos from Musings on Facebook/web each week (pdf files).

Other Business

Christmas dinner and meeting – Monday Dec. 2, 2019 at the Beacher Cafe at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn moved by Adele. The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

President's Report - Sandra Burk

Welcome to the Malvern Red and Black Society (MRBS) 2020 Annual General Meeting. I joined the MRBS in 2008 and have served as a member of the Executive and as the 1970s Decade Representative. In the fall of 2017, I was elected Vice-President and when President Evan Butchers stepped down the following year, I was elected President. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience.

The MRBS has accomplished a great deal over the years. We organized a special gathering of Malvernites from the 1920s, 30s and 40s and arranged for those who left school early to join the war effort in WWII to receive honorary high school diplomas; raised over \$44,000 to restore the Malvern war memorial and in 2011 had the memorial rededicated; organized the MCI 110th reunion in 2013; helped the community fundraise and submit a proposal to the TDSB that helped save the school's pool; planted and maintain gardens along the school's frontage; established an archive of Malvern artifacts and memorabilia; awarded scholarships to graduating students at MCI commencement ceremonies; published the *Musings* newsletter for alumni; set up an MRBS website and created a Facebook group; provided Malvernites with photocopies or scanned copies of old *Muse* yearbooks upon request and, of course, helped connect members with former classmates they'd lost touch with. Of particular note, our Archives Committee members were responsible for MCI being the first high school in Toronto to hand over an archives database to the Toronto District School Board to be digitized in The Museum System high quality software programme. This is quite an achievement and would not have been possible without a lot of hard work by Donna Halliday.

In the 2019-2020 term, our efforts were focused mainly on archives activities and on recruiting new members and volunteers through our website and Facebook page. While the COVID-19 pandemic and school shutdown has made it difficult to continue with our monthly meetings and archival work, it seems that "Keeping Malvernites in Touch" has never been more important than it is today. Since the pandemic began in March 2020 our Facebook membership has increased from 650 to over 835 and is still growing! As a result of the pandemic, this AGM will be the first in our history to be

held electronically.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive for their support. They are a group of dedicated people who volunteer their time and effort and many of them have been serving for a number of years. If the MRBS is to continue, we need your involvement. Alumni are requested to help out by volunteering to serve as Decade Reps (especially for the 1980s and 1990s), Vice-President, by serving on a reunion sub-committee or, if you have IT/web design experience, helping to update our website. Also, as we are an unfunded volunteer organization, financial contributions are always appreciated.

Communications Reports

(a) Snail Mail, Internet, and Social Media Communications – Vandra Masemann

There were very few items of mail received during this fiscal year because of the increase in electronic means of communication, and the closure of the school from March to September. On CanadaHelps, we received three donations, to a total of \$153.00. Members tend to communicate via Facebook with many interesting comments or postings of reminiscences or photographs. The number of members on Facebook is over 835, a number which increased markedly in the spring of 2020. Malvernites also use the popular Facebook group, *Beacher History Kaboodle*, to reminisce, along with 3600+ Beachers from all area schools, about their childhood and schooling in the Beach. The current pandemic has meant that no outside persons were allowed in the school to pick up mail. Finally, in October, I received permission to pick it up at a table at Door 2. Anyone picking up items must notify the office in advance for them to place the item on the table. I will go there this week before the AGM.

(b) Phone and Email – Bob Watson

There were 39 valid emails received for Red & Black between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. All have been responded to or forwarded internally. There was 1 email for 1960's group and 0 for the 1940s group.

(c) Database – Dianne (Renwick) Chadwick

The MRBS membership database was established in 2003 and is comprised in 2020 of the following four parts:

- Master database = 2,495 members (includes lapsed members);
- Email members = 786 members;
- "Snail" Mail list = 470 addresses (453 Canadian, 14 US and 3 international); and
- Deceased members = 271

The Master database contains our membership list (first last and maiden names, address, graduation year, role e.g., student, teacher, other staff, email and phone number). The second part is an Email list of members who have consented to receive electronic communications from us. The third list is used to send correspondence by mail. And the fourth part contains a list of Malvernites and staff who have passed away.

Maintaining the membership database is an ongoing process. We receive updated information through our website, from personal communication and from posts on the MRBS Facebook page. Over the years, a number of members have been lost to follow-up, and some have passed away. **Members are encouraged to keep their contact information up-to-date and consent to receive Email communication by visiting the registration page on our website: <http://malverncollegiate.com/registration-page>**

Treasurer's Report – Robert D. Watson

The following is a balance statement for the MRBS account for the financial year: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

<u>MRBS Account</u>	<u>01-Jul-19</u>	<u>30-Jun-20</u>	
	REVENUES	EXPENSES	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>Balance forward June 30, 2019 -</u>			\$2,265.62
Fall Musings 2019 (\$912.84)			
Printing		\$216.95	
Postage		\$498.14	
<u>Email Distribution (Inbox-Advertising)</u>		<u>\$197.75</u>	
MRBS Award		\$200.00	
Donations Received via MRBS	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Donations Received via OMF	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Archival/Office Expenses		\$46.99	
Gardens		\$66.33	
AGM Report Printing ^{Note 2}		\$55.81	
Bluehost Hosting (2 years) ^{Note 1}		\$287.76	
Bluehost Domain (1 year) ^{Note 1}		\$32.87	
Bank Fees (12 months)		\$23.40	
Balance Forward June 30, 2019			\$2,265.62
Total	\$2,325.62	\$1,626.00	
<u>Net Balance as of June 30, 2020</u>			<u>\$699.62</u> ^{Note 1}

Notes:

Note 1 – Cheque issued June 12/20 for \$320.63 (Re: Bluehost Renewal) not cashed until after June 30, 2020.

Note 2 – Cheque issued November 2/19 for \$769.90, comprised of printing and postage for *Musings* plus \$55.81 cost for printing Annual Report amounting to \$770.90 making the account over by \$1.00.

Service Personnel Report – David Fuller, Historian

Research continues on Malvern's database of *Those Who Served*. Some Second World War personnel are being identified from obituaries and queries from family members. Service files for those who survived the war are not available without proof of death 20+ years before. Research into the First World War veterans continues and several articles have been written for *The Maple Leaf* magazine and *Beach Metro News*. I have also given several online presentations to historical and genealogy groups, using Malvern personnel as examples.

Committee Reports

(a) Archives Committee Report – by Donna Halliday and Vandra Masemann

Archives Committee

We have continued to work on the Malvern Archives from September to June. However, because of the covid-19 pandemic, we were able to work in the archive room only from September to March when the schools were shut down. From March to November, we have continued to work at home on several projects.

We have purchased much needed archival supplies, and now almost all of our collection is housed in suitable acid-free boxes, folders and covers. Thanks very much to those who donated specifically to the Malvern Archives. We are very proud of the progress we have made in the past sixteen years.

Souvenirs

We still have some *Malvern Centennial* and *Malvern at 110* books in stock. They are for sale at \$10 per copy when we are able to get them from the school. Some copies of the *Malvern Centennial Book* are available through redandblack@malverncollegiate.com. We also have a few items of clothing, but these are inaccessible during the pandemic.

Committee Members –

Vandra Masemann chaired this committee in 2019-2020 and performed all of the liaison functions with the Principal, the Librarian and other staff. She approved all expenditures on archival supplies. She deals with inquiries relating to the Malvern Cenotaph and Remembrance Day. She relayed inquiries from Malvernites to committee members for research on school history, relatives and other Malvernites. She is working on the future plans for making the collection more accessible to students and staff.

Volker Masemann helps with routine tasks of the committee. His main focus is the gardens in front of the school (see Garden Liaison Report).

Irene Hubel is still collecting obits and news articles about Malvernites and Malvern, and has compiled two binders of obits. She has also updated all the lists of Malvern

award and scholarship winners, collected news and cut, labelled and filed it.

Lois Maxwell has cut, labelled and filed paper items, and is still working on bringing the files up to date and duplicating them. She is also helping to update the Members' database.

Bob Watson has worked on many items and copied reems of articles for us.

Joyce Heighway has worked in the archives wherever the need.

Erik Malmsten has done a lot of research for us and is compiling a database of illustrious Malvernites, and those who entered the field of medicine. He has posted the results of his indepth research into the history of Malvern sports and music on Facebook during the pandemic. These interesting posts have been very well received.

David Fuller has done extensive research on Malvernites, staff and students in the Armed Forces and written articles on his findings.

Ila Vaculik is our newest member, and also helps to process and maintain the collection.

All of these tasks are ongoing and may change as the need arises.

Donna Halliday has compiled the archival db and accessioned all items on it. There are still a few items in the archive room in need of accessioning. The large grey box #12 and items on display in the cabinets need to be added to the database. She has created a database for staff, sports, Muses, Malvernites in the Armed Forces, etc. During the pandemic, Donna has dropped off newspapers and obituaries to Irene's house and picked up items Irene has completed and added them to the database. She is also working on updating the MRBS Members' database. We continue to get donations of team wear, books, pins, certificates, etc. from former Malvernites or their estates, Malvern staff or their estates, etc.

The main archival database has been completed with over 5000 entries, which have been transferred to a flashdrive. All items on this database have been accessioned so they will be easier to find and easier to return to their proper location. From now on, any new items which come in will be placed on a database and when there are 100 entries, they will be sent to the TDSB archives for inclusion in their database. We have presented our database to Greg McKinnon, the TDSB archivist, so it will be included in the TDSB Museum Archival database. Two updates of 100 items each have been emailed to Jason Cheung, one of the Board's archivists for inclusion with the main database.

Jobs to be done

- running off duplicate copies of all news and paper items
- updating all lists, including staff, sports, drama, etc.
- adding more info to the archive database
- labelling all photos
- scanning more of the Muses
- creating a database of all Malvernites from 1903 to the present

- creating a database of all Illustrious Malvernites

Organizing the archives is an ongoing job, as new items are always being added to the Malvern collection. We would never have gotten all this work done if not for all the volunteers who have given us so many hours over the years. More volunteers are always welcome. Thank you all.

(b) Gardening Committee Report - Volker Masemann and Joyce Heighway

In November 2019, the north and south beds were cleaned up and “put to bed” for the winter. In the spring, we cleaned up debris and pruned and tidied up winter damage to the roses and elder bushes. During the summer, the gardens thrived with little attention, and the weeds thrived even more. Our efforts in the summer were devoted to extensive weeding. As the school was closed for so long, it was strange to work there with children riding bikes in the empty parking lot supervised by masked parents. The front of Malvern has been newly landscaped, and the overall impression is good. A new tree has been planted in memory of Reese Fallon as well. We always appreciate donations to the gardens so that we can plant annuals to add some colour to the perennial bushes.

c) Technical Report – David Fuller

There is little to report from my side on the website. Shanta Nathwani and new volunteer, Paul Warner, have offered assistance and made some useful updates to the site. The goal is to use the site more as the primary location for postings about MRBS and then share them to the Facebook page. This will increase traffic to the site and make it more useful for informing members and interested Malvernites of what we're up to. The website continues to function and has been updated with the most recent minutes of MRBS meetings. Ownership of our domain name was renewed by Vandra for a few years, and our hosting service subscription is up to date.