

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday, January 14, 2020
7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

Present: Sandra Burk (Chair), Ila Beattie, David Fuller, Joyce Heighway, Vandra Masemann, Volker Masemann, Dianne Renwick, Ken Scullion

Regrets: Adele Ashby, Irene Hubel, Erik Malmsten, Lois Maxwell, Rod Tennyson, Bob Watson

Meeting called to Order: The Chair, Sandra Burk, called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

1. Minutes of Monday, December 16, 2019: Motion to approve December 16, 2019 minutes moved by Ken Scullion, seconded by Joyce Heighway. Carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- **1967 Book of Letters Missing Item from Archives Room**
Vandra Masemann will continue her efforts to locate the missing Book of Letters, including checking the storage room and following up with Jan Haskings Winner.
- **Display of Archival Materials:** Vandra Masemann is to follow up with Sean Matthews, when it is permissible to do so (see Announcement section below), about the possibility of having students participate in the display of archival materials.
- **Archives Tour for Parents' Council:** The tour of the Archives that the Principal requested for the Parents' Council group the first Tuesday in March may depend on the status of the labour negotiations.
- **Cenotaph Repairs:** David Fuller reported that he has followed up with Sanderson Monuments but has not yet heard back from them.

3. Announcements: It was noted that teachers and the Board continue contract negotiations. We are unable to discuss or plan any kind of event(s) with teachers while contract talks are underway. There was a general consensus that contract talks will likely take some time to reach a resolution.

4. President's Report – Sandra Burk: The President reported that she had no specific items requiring an update, but did note that she has difficulty logging into 70s Decade mail. David Fuller to assist/look into this.

5. Communication Reports:

- **Mail (snail) – Vandra Masemann:** Vandra reported that she had delivered the one remaining cheque from December to the Treasurer. One more donation had been received resulting (over the past two months) in four donations: two for MRBS and two for the OMF. Vandra also reported that one more copy of the *Musings* had been returned, which she will forward to Dianne for updating in the database. There was some discussion about who has access to Canada Helps info and OMF emails.

- **Email – Bob Watson:** Sandra and Vandra reported that Bob Watson advised via email that two additional registrations had been received. The information was forwarded to Dianne to update the database.
- **Website, Facebook – David Fuller:** Discussion centered on the need to keep the website up to date. Sandra is to send the most recent minutes to David for posting. There was general agreement that we should begin to make mention of the upcoming Centennial of the War Memorial. Vandra reported that she had followed up with Steve Russell regarding the photos of the 1958 grade 9 class.
- **Database – Dianne Chadwick:** Dianne asked for the projected dates for the next issues of *Musings*. Target dates were established as May and October, subject to funds available (see No. 6 below.) Diane to update the database by the beginning of March for 18 returned *Musings*.

Motion: Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by David Fuller, that the Communication Reports be accepted. Carried.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Bob Watson: Sandra and Vandra reported that Bob Watson advised via email that the current bank balance is \$975.95. There was discussion that this amount may not be sufficient to cover the cost of producing two *Musings* this year. There was some discussion about cancelling the spring edition of *Musings*. The decision has been deferred to a later meeting. Discussion then took place about how better to raise funds to support our work. A suggestion was made to “highlight” the link on our Facebook page for donations.

Motion: Moved by Sandra Burk, seconded by Ken Scullion, that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried.

7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann: Vandra reported that:

- Donna Halliday has almost completed accessioning sports uniforms;
- With respect to the status of the Board’s work on the archival material database that we provided to them, the TDSB has assigned a Records Assistant to digitize our donation;
- Archives Committee members responded to alumna's request and provided copies from our files of some 1946-1951 photos that she is in, e.g., cheerleading squad, etc., as there were no *Muses* produced during those years; and
- Next Archives Committee meeting is January 29th.

8. Improving MRBS Communications: It was again noted that the unsettled labour relations and on-going negotiations between the School Board and teachers had not only interrupted talks with Sean Matthews, but all of the teachers. Discussion then took place about other initiatives to improve overall communication efforts. Suggestions from the AGM, such as changes to Communication reporting categories (categories for both snail and electronic mail, reports re: donations received through Canada Helps and OMF, report re: Facebook activity, etc.) and use of Facebook and Instagram and other social media possibilities. Sandra and Vandra to discuss and report back at a future meeting.

9. Proposed 1950s – 60s Reunion – May 2020: In Rod's absence this item was tabled to a future meeting. There was some discussion about the viability of holding this kind of event in light of the current labour situation which would hamper planning efforts. Dianne suggested that we plan for two reunion scenarios – Plan A if there is a labour disruption, Plan B if there is not. (See further discussion under first bullet below under "Other/New Business")

10. Other/New Business:

- Previously, Rod Tennyson suggested that we consider hosting a tea, perhaps every two to three months, where we would support discussion of Malvern's and its students' history and achievements. In Rod's absence and bearing in mind the logistical challenges of hosting a 50's and 60's reunion (see previous item), there was discussion about holding a "Tea" for 50's and 60's graduates in the fall, perhaps in October. There was general agreement on the value of this.
- David Fuller reported that Rod Tennyson had connected him with Sonia Batty, niece of Colonel Charles Simpson Lennox, a Malvern graduate. David has written an article about Colonel Lennox's war experiences and the raid on Avignon for *Maple Leaf Magazine*.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

13. Motion to Adjourn: Ken Scullion moved adjournment at 8:16 P.M. Meeting adjourned.