

**Malvern Red & Black Society  
Executive Committee  
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
7:00 P.M. MCI Archives Room 202A**

**Present:** Sandra Burk (Chair), Adele Ashby, David Fuller, Vandra Masemann, Lois Maxwell, Dianne Renwick, Ken Scullion, Rod Tennyson

**Regrets:** Joyce Heighway, Irene Hubel, Erik Malmsten, Volker Masemann, Ila Vaculik (Beattie), Bob Watson

**Meeting called to Order:** The Chair, Sandra Burk, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

**1. Minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2020 meeting:** Minor correction to spelling of Vandra's surname in motion for Communication Reports. A motion to approve the February 11th minutes, as amended, was moved by Ken Scullion and seconded by Adele Ashby. The amended minutes were approved.

**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. It was noted that Jan had retired and was no longer at Malvern
- **Display of Archival Materials:** Vandra Masemann did leave a message for Sean Matthews, but didn't hear back from him. She will follow up with Sean when it is permissible to do so, about the possibility of having students participate in the display of archival materials.
- **Archives Tour for Home & School:** Vandra reported that the tour of the Archives that the Principal requested for the Parents' Council the first Tuesday in March (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> but may depend on the status of the labour negotiations.
- **Cenotaph Repairs:** See item under Other/New Business.

**3. Announcements:** There were no announcements.

**4. President's Report – Sandra Burk:** The President reported that she had no specific items requiring an update.

**5. Communication Reports:**

- **Mail (snail) – Vandra Masemann:** Vandra reported that she had received one returned Musings owing to an incorrect address. Vandra readdressed the Musings with an updated address and resent it.
- **Email – Bob Watson:** Bob reported via email that he received no emails for the 1940 or the 1960s. There were 5 emails for the MRBS: 1 relating to the Cenotaph (forwarded to David), and 2 regarding a reunion (forwarded to Rod Tennyson).

- **Database – Dianne Chadwick:** Dianne reported that she would be updating the database in time for the next edition of Musings.
- **Website, Facebook – David Fuller:** David reported that:
  - we had over 600 members on Facebook;
  - the addition of a “donate” button was to be done soon;
  - the minutes provided by Sandra for previous meetings had been posted

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

**6. Treasurer’s Report – Bob Watson:** Bob reported via email that the bank and book balance are \$1,029.05 and that there are no outstanding items at this time.

**Motion:** Moved by Sandra Burk, seconded by Lois Maxwell, that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried.

**7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann:** Vandra reported that lots of work has been going on and that it had been a busy month. Eric is continuing to scan 50’s and 60’s Muses. One last box remains to be acquisitioned. Work is also being done on the vertical file and the oversize boxes of vintage clothing and large-sized photos and posters.

**8. Improving MRBS Communications:** Sandra and Vandra, will meet to discuss new categories to be created and will report back at a future meeting.

**9. Proposed 1950s – 60s Reunion – May 2020:** Rod reported that he had had about a dozen responses from the Facebook post, plus a couple from MRBS webmail. Rod made a suggestion that the event be a 1950s/60s tea with interviews of notable alumni. Rod agreed that he could write a letter to 50’s and 60’s alumni instead of relying on Musings to solicit interest in an event. Rob also agreed that he would, when the time was right, approach the Malvern Principal about allowable capacity, catering requirements and necessary permits.

## **11. Other/New Business:**

- **2019/2020 Budget – Bob Watson and Lois Maxwell**  
In Bob’s absence, the President presented a Draft Budget, prepared by Bob and Lois. There was a brief discussion and it was noted that our web-hosting costs were for a two year period. It is clear that we need to focus on raising funds of around \$2500. We need \$200 for the MRBS Award and \$100 for the Archives.
- **Cenotaph Repair Project – David Fuller**  
David reported that work has been done to determine the cost of repairs to the Cenotaph. The main thing is the sword, for which the maquette is still on file.  
\$ 700 to ship master to Danny Barber (a shuttle service is required)  
\$1,800 to replace the lead lettering  
\$3,000 for the cost of carving

\$1,900 to install the replacement sword

David also reported that he had investigated the possibility of installing a security system to try and prevent future vandalism of the Cenotaph. He has seen one online that consists of round cones on a steel rod that spin when anyone climbs on them. The cost is \$45 per roller. There is a considerable cost to both of these ventures and the security system would require TDSB approval. There is also a need to upgrade the camera.

David also suggested that we consider the installation of an interpretive sign to describe the story behind the Cenotaph. Greg has sent him some policy papers from the TDSB. The cost of the entire project is about \$10,000.

- **Reconstituting the OMF for 2020-2022 Cenotaph Campaign – Vandra Masemann**

Vandra reported that she would contact Lorie McCauley, the current OMF President, and follow up on this.

**12. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

**13. Motion to Adjourn:** Ken Scullion moved adjournment at 8:20 PM. Meeting adjourned.