

MRBS Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 9 2024 7:00 p.m.

Present: Randy Deffett (chair), Sandra Burk, Robert Watson, Dianne Renwick, Vandra Masemann, Ila Vaculik, John Leahey

Regrets: Paul Warner, Astrid Neuland, Lois Maxwell, Lyn Maureen Bradshaw, Rod Tennyson, Tim Daciuk, Volker Masemann, Raj Sharma

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order 7:13pm. April 9 agenda approved.
2. March 19, 2024 Minutes approved.
3. Business Arising from March 19- none.
4. Announcements
 - a) MRBS Award to be awarded at upcoming Commencement- MRBS is budgeted to provide one award = \$100.00.
 - b) April 9 MCI Home-School meeting, MRBS & OMF unable to attend.
 - c) **To Do (Randy)** Present '100 Years of the Muse' at Fall Home-School Council meeting. Arrange with Council President, Taanis Smyth.
5. President's Report- Randy Deffett
 - a) **MOTION** "For Board to approve amendments to MRBS Charter (Ver. 5) as presented, subject to being confirmed by the MRBS membership at our November 2024 AGM. Charter Amendments to come into effect once approved by Members." Motion by Randy Deffett; seconded by Robert Watson. 'Nays'= none; 'Yes'= unanimous. Carried.
 - b) We will not change Charter posting until amendments approved by Members at Nov. 2024 AGM.
 - c) **100 Years of the Muse-** What do we need to do to remain relevant to alumni? Everybody from 1924 to 2024 knows the Muse and we have not covered this in 2023. Project outline:
 - i. Focus on Muse book covers to more clearly represent years published. Photos within an issue may not clearly show what year the photo is from.
 - ii. Using 1924-2024 Muse covers add new material on our website, social media sites and include material in our Musings 2024 issues to promote the 100th anniversary of the yearbook.
 - iii. **To Do (Randy)** Spring Musings President's Report will focus on '100 Years of the Muse'.
 - iv. Create MCI Hallway cabinet display.
 - v. Publish article in local newspapers.
 - vi. Vandra Masemann has provided material to 2024 student editor. They promise to include one-page coverage of the 100th year.
 - vii. **To Do (Archives Committee & all)** If you find Muse cover photos, forward images to website coordinator, Paul Warner (c.c. Randy) to prepare new website material.

- viii. **To Do (Social Media)** Possible contest to have members post their photos- 'I remember when' or some topic to be determined.

Committee Reports

6. Finance- Robert Watson

- a) Bank and book balance= \$6,650 plus \$3,000 in GIC's.
- b) No Canada Help donations have been received since last meeting.
- c) Completed phone meeting with TD Bank, Robert, John Leahey, Randy and Sandra to add John, our Associate Treasurer, as signatory. We have not received confirmation from TD Bank yet.
- d) **To Do (Sandra)** Check if she received TD Bank confirmation yet.
- e) John Leahey, our new Associate Treasurer (Class 1983), introduced himself to the group and we to him.
- f) **Motion:** accept Finance Report: Robert; second Vandra. Carried.

Communications- Various

7. Database Membership (Dianne Renwick)

- a) Postal Only membership= 37 as confirmed by Ingrid Bubersky.
- b) Our active membership is now consolidated from the 2023 Reunion.
- c) **To Do (Ingrid)** Write *Musings* story on her bringing postal only from 425 to 37 to highlight individuals' stories.

8. Mass Emailing-

- a) **To Do (Dianne & Randy)** Host Mail Chimp meeting with contact. Investigate technical and feasibility for MRBS to run its own account.

9. Website- Randy (Paul absent)

- a) Nothing new to report.
- b) **To Do (Randy)** Connect with Paul on creating new website material focused on '100 Years of the Muse'.

10. Social Media- Sandra Burk

- a) Subscribers: Facebook Group= 1,467; FB Page= 416; Instagram= 154.
- b) Completed work:
 - i. Assign Paul as a Facebook administrator (Group & Page).
 - ii. Retained Donna Halliday and Denise Pinto as administrators.
 - iii. Post a 'pinned' donation page link on Group & Page.
 - iv. Removed Russell Pulkys as FB administrator.

11. Musings- Sandra Burk

- a) Edition to be ready for distribution by late May.
- b) Posted Facebook request to collect ideas and articles from members.
- c) Material we have now;
 - i. Article about Norman Jewison.
 - ii. 100 Years of the Muse photos and President's report.
 - iii. Letters from alumni
 - iv. 'Malvern by the #'s': growth over the past 4 years.
 - v. MCI participation in the Kew Beach Easter Parade.
 - vi. Ingrid to report on consolidating membership to email.

12. Archives- Vandra

- a) Digging up materials as requested by alumni. Alumni are very appreciative.
- b) Donna Halliday and Vandra are starting project: Create a Total List of every student who ever attended MCI (1903 to 2024)
 - i. Reflects the theme” ‘how can we remain relevant to alumni?’.
 - ii. Complements ‘100 Years of the Muse’; breaking MCI down to the individual.
 - iii. Comments: **GREAT IDEA!**
 - iv. Thoughts:
 - 1. Start with known graduates.
 - 2. Then find all who attended but did not graduate.
 - v. **To Do (Vandra)** Report in May on evolving ideas for project.
- c) David Fuller has begun research on large Memorial Project focused on Malvernites who served in military. Project in very early stage.

13. Incoming Postal Mail and Email- Vandra Masemann and Robert

- a) No postal mail received.
- b) 1 Email to ‘redandblack’ email: forwarded to Vandra.

14. Additional Business- Randy

- a) Term Limits- Provisions in Charter alleviate concern that we will run out of volunteers to hold office:
 - i. There are no restrictions on volunteers seeking re-election. Only exception: Page 5- President and Vice-President shall not serve more than 3 consecutive terms (to avoid a leader monopoly).
 - ii. Pg. 5- ‘Directors shall serve length of the position term or until the successor has been elected and qualified’.
 - iii. Pg. 5 ‘Vacancies, Board of Directors’ are discussed in detail.
 - iv. Pg. 8- Board can set up any needed Standing Committee.
- b) **To Do (Randy)** In May propose motion to pass a Standing Nominating Committee for Elections (to keep on stand-by until needed).
- c) Confirmed: Treasurer is an elected office. Associate Treasurer is a brand-new position, therefore, we presently have it as an appointment.

15. Meeting adjourned 8:17pm.

16. Next meeting: **Tuesday May 14**