

Via Zoom

The Vic High Alumni recognizes and acknowledges the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Present: Helen Edwards, Roger Skillings, Tara Laughlin, Linda Baker, Fern Johnson, Ed Kozicki, Ian McKinnon, Don Kissinger, Nita Loudon. **Regrets:** Paul Curtis

Call to Order: 3:49 PM

Agenda: Moved and Seconded to adopt agenda as circulated. Carried.

Minutes: Moved and Seconded to adopt minutes of April Board meeting. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Request for Black & Gold Roll of Honour criteria: Colin McLean. Responded with invitation to submit suggestions as this will be reviewed after 2023 Black & Gold dinner.

Chair's Report

1. Chair is attending meeting May 11 of representatives of other Victoria area high school alumni groups.

Secretary's Report

1. Moved and Seconded to hold the AGM June 8 as electronic only at 5:30 PM. Carried.
2. Reminder to submit info for Annual Report by May 26 as circulated.

Treasurer's Report

1. Moved and Seconded to approve April 2023 financial report as circulated.
2. Clarified that annual financial statements don't need to be made available when official AGM notices are posted on website and emailed to members. Fern expects statements to be ready shortly for Board approval. Once approved, statements will be posted on the website and a link to them included in the Zoom link email sent to all attendees a few days ahead of the meeting.
3. Fern will confirm with Rick the amount of cheque she is to write to Vic High for 2023 scholarships/bursaries.

Vic High Principal's Report: No report.

Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees & Task Forces

Archives & Museum:

1. A request was received from Gord Wallace, SD Job Manager for the seismic upgrade, for input to colours for plaster and detail above several exterior entrances. We checked with various people, including Pamela Madoff, and provided feedback.

Black & Gold: Anne McKeachie

1. 140 attendees
2. Set-up crew confirmed for Friday, 2:30 PM set-up at venue.
3. Videos and displays almost all done.
4. Timothy Vernon is in hospital and unable to attend.
5. Thanks to all who have helped get everything read.

Communications

1. May newsletter will go out in a week or so.
2. June newsletter will go out after AGM
3. Possible summer newsletter in August

Fundraising Task Force: No report.

Merchandise: Report circulated.

Reunion Co-ordinator:

1. Merch team attending class of 1970 event end of May.
2. Class of 1983 - communications extended offer to circulate email to 1983 alumni on email list.

Scholarships & Bursaries: Report circulated

Website: Report circulated.

New Business

1. Volunteer thank-you event: referred to incoming Board.

Adjournment: 4:36 PM

Respectfully submitted

Linda Baker, Secretary

REPORTS

Merchandise Team

Update on Sales;

- 2023 Jan – Apr Total Sales \$1,078.57

Re-orders & Inventory;

- Ball Caps order to go in soon

Marketing/Door Prizes;

- 2023 Q1 (Jan, Feb, Mar) \$0 Spent on Marketing

- Q2 have Committed Approx \$1,160. Retail of Merch for upcoming events

Upcoming Events Attending;

- May 13 Black & Gold Evening; door prize/combo (Bear/Pen) (Blanket/Pen) (WBottle/Pen/Zip Tote) valued @ \$105. Retail
Plus, 175 Lapel Pins @ *Cost Only* of \$1.6205 each = \$283.59 (instead of Retail \$5/each = \$875)
Plus, 6 Portfolios @ *Cost Only* of \$13.33 each = \$79.98 (instead of Retail \$20/each = \$120)
- May 31 Class of 1970 50+++ Reunion; door prize 1 Bear value \$20.
- June 10 Class of 1983 40th Reunion Yates St Tap House; door prize value \$20.
- June 13 Class of 1955 Reunion Luncheon @ the 4 Mile Restaurant; door prize 1 Bear value \$20.

New Initiative;

- Proposal has been put forward, awaiting approval from Aaron Parker, Principal for the following;
 - Poster for Vic High Walls
 - Promotes Alumni Association & Merchandise Branding within the School
 - Includes QR Code/Link to web store
 - Offers \$1. Student discount 'on Minimum \$20. Item Purchase'
 - Pop-up Alumni Info/Merch in Vic High Library once/month
 - Attend Grad Ceremony & Dinner/Dance functions for Alumni Info Display with Merch Table

Scholarships & Bursaries

1. Follow up from April executive meeting –called Hollie High and said no bursary/scholarship was set up in the name of her mother; said that her father had been put into the deceased members of the society and that her father had never been a registered alumni member. Hollie said both her parents attended the 100th celebration. I asked if she would be interested in having some scholarship information, yes- so I sent her some.

2. Carole James/Norma Douglas voice bursary

I phoned Carole James. Carole was a near professional singer, about the same time as Bill Hosie. She is a Vic High alumna. She and friends have for years given the Victoria Music Festival a bursary to the most outstanding voice performer, \$500. She was hoping that we could help them fund this award. I explained that we fund awards for students of VHS and could not support their award to the Music Festival. I explained how we put our scholarship/bursary funds into the Victoria Fdn and get perpetual funding of about \$1000 for a \$25 000 principal investment.

It seemed to me that her group of donors would not wish to drop the award at the festival even though Norma Douglas was a VHS choral teacher around the same time as Dorothy Evans taught strings. Next day she phoned me and said that she would like more information. It may turn out that this group would be willing to fund a new bursary for best choral student at VHS in honour of Norma Douglas.

I have sent her some information about our awards, TORs documents, date of this year's ceremony. I think she may wish to attend an executive meeting in September or October.

3. WRT item 1, Sean Wallace, staff scholarship leader, notified us that a Sturrock bursary has been found and is apparently awarded each year by the school. We were not aware of this. I sent Sean Wallace the contact information for Hollie High as he was very interested in talking to her.

4. Helen Maxwell bursary

I have been in discussion with Rick Crosby and Sean Wallace. Last year's award of \$800 came from the district. Sean will ask what money is left to award this year from the district. If it's less than \$500 Rick has agreed to top it up to that amount from our restricted funds.

Kirsty Maxwell sent an email yesterday stating that she is hoping to top up the Maxwell fund to \$25 000 at the end of May. She wants to know the current balance for Maxwell in our restricted funds. (Report end.)

Fern will email Don the current fund total after this meeting.