

# **R.A. Long High School Alumni Association**

Annual Meeting #3

October 25, 2005

R.A. Long High School, Library

In Attendance: Doug O'Connor, President; Mike Chess, Vice President; Bert Karnofski, Vice President; Darin Dolemore (Liaison), Dyarle Sharkey, Kim Walters, Helene Watson, Secretary; Darcie Chess, Treasurer, Dee Whyte, Maureen Young, Frank Buck.

Officers Absent: Marilyn Reisner, Historian

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm by President Doug O'Connor.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of last annual meeting passed out.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,375.74 Checking balance  
\$12,212.00 Certificate for Reader Board from Booster Club  
\$3,767.76 Certificate for Dream  
\$1,100.11 Savings for 2006 Golf Tournament

Mike handed out the Annual Report, very nicely done.

## Old Business:

Librarian, Mrs. Joan Enders, put together a presentation about the artists who did the paintings being restored. Adolphe W. Blondheim who did the Robert A. Long, portrait. It included his life history and that he was a resident of Kansas City, Missouri from 1924 on. He was famous for doing portrait paintings before and after he did the Robert A. Long portrait. Robert W. Grafton, who painted the 'Dream', was a native of Chicago and was famous for doing portraits of the Indiana Governors. The portrait of Calvin Coolidge that hangs in the White House was done by Mr. Grafton and he was also know for doing art work depicting New Orleans. The retail division of Long Bell Co presented the 'Dream' to Robert A. Long at the dedication of R.A. Long High School.

## Officer and Committee Reports:

Doug, thanked everyone for their had work, he had asked for a reporter to come to this meeting but no one showed up.

Bert, Alumni Night we need to change our approach to this and indicated that Spaghetti Works may not bill us because of low turn out. There are 5 large sweatshirts left and he will place and order for more, will check on pricing of artwork change for the hats to go on black or red.

Marilyn, presented by Maureen, Bill Murray will make the wood book cover and a box for items that won't fit in the scrapbook.

Dee, about the restoration, Kitty to take down the 'Dream' and give us an estimate to replace the frame. She suggests we do something for Kitty to thank her since she is doing this even though she is retired, her daughter now runs the shop. Dee will attend the class of 1955 monthly lunch on November 10<sup>th</sup> and bring merchandise to sell.

Frank, we need to get something printed up with our Mission Statement on it and suggested we sell the polo shirts and black hats. Aberdeen High School, could make pen & pencils sets using wood from the old R.A. Long gym floor that was replaced. If we had this done it would be another item for us to sell.

New Business:

Web site: RALONGALUMNI.org, Mike suggests that everyone takes a look at the website and make suggestions. Mike had the website up on several PCs to demonstrate what it looked like.

Helene will send Joan Enders a thank you for her presentation this evening and look into the price of printed Thank You cards.

Kim and Bert will sell pins and clings at the coming Friday night game.

Dee, the Go 4<sup>th</sup> Committee is looking for volunteers, would it be beneficial for one of us to be on the committee. Next year maybe we need to have a flip board detailing the donations with pictures and the dollar amounts. She brought up the article that was in the paper recently about Robert A. Long's home in Kansas City and indicated that she would contact the lady mentioned to inquire about the group back there.

We need to have a plaque made that says; "Restoration donated by the R.A. Long High School Alumni Association", Bert will check with Joan Enders about doing that.

Ty Morris would like for us to take over the 'Hall of Fame'. We wouldn't come up with names, but would pay for a plaque and sponsor a banquet. Questions: Would this 'Hall of Fame' be for thing besides sports, need to table for discussion next month, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and need to invite Ty to attend that meeting to answer questions.

Elections: Doug read a resignation by Frank Buck, that he would no longer be able to devote the time necessary to be on the board. Maureen made a motion that we continue with the current board minus Frank, Dyarle 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm by Doug. Next meeting will be a board meeting at 7:00pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at RA Long High School in Darin's classroom. Next annual meeting to be held in October 24th of 2006.

Submitted by,  
M. Helene Watson  
Secretary