

Robert A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting
April 29, 2008
R.A. Long High School
Room 115

Officers in Attendance: Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Arlene Hall (1953), Helen Whitcomb (1947), Dyarle Sharkey (1961), Lonnie Knowles (1991), Bob Stack (1961), and Steve Rooklidge (as school liaison and member of class of 1990).

Officers Absent: Helene Watson, Maureen Parsons, Dee Whyte and Jade Cassio

Visitors: Tony Fardell of the class of 1968

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03pm by Doug O'Connor.

Treasurers Report: Given by Darcie and Mike Chess

Checking Balance: \$8,198.21**
Reader Board Balance: \$1,148.57
Booster Club Reader Board Balance: \$7,239.68
Future Projects: \$1,079.31
Golf Tournament Fund: \$1,132.62
TOTAL: \$18,798.39

**High dollar amount in checking account is due to the fact that we have not paid our donation towards the purchase of Auditorium Sound System equipment. This is do to the fact that the equipment had not been ordered yet. Steve R. reported that the equipment is now on order.

Membership: Marjorie Kalal is now a member.

Outstanding Bills: None

Merchandise Sales: Maureen brought some of the merchandise so Mike can take pictures in order to have the pictures on the web page.

Old Business:

- [1] As soon as the sound system equipment is paid for we will look at purchasing one base for the orchestra on the same condition that the school district pays for the purchase of one first.
- [2] Booster Club was supposed to meet April 9th at 6:30 in this room 115. Doug showed up but there was now one around and the building was locked up. There have been rumors that the booster club is having some problems and is struggling, so Doug called the Booster Club advisor Ms. Guodhino who is also the softball team coach. They will have a May meeting but requested that only Doug attended.
- [3] Tony Fardell chairman of the reunion for the class of 1968, brought a sample of the invitation/registration for the reunion. Gave a rundown of the activities planned and

inquired about the Alumni Assoc. setting up a table to sell merchandise and sign up members at the Saturday night function. Asked about possibly having the Reunion information posted on the alumni website.

- [4] Discussion about adding other merchandise that we can sell. Lonnie found a catalog of products made of foam, such as foam Finger Gloves/Axes he found one style that would run @\$1.20/each with a minimum order requirement of 500. We could sell for around \$3.00 to \$5.00, we figure the major buyers would be the students. Mike requested information about the time frame involved to order and be received. It may take a while to sell but the consensus was it would be worth it and Lonnie should pursue. We could possibly sell them thru the Jack Shack. Bob Stack spoke with a company who sells ceramic mugs, pens, pencils, sticky notes, calendars etc; and he brought catalogs for the board to look at. Bob Stack will come to next month's meeting with a price for a quantity of around 25 to 50. Mike Chess discussed a membership in the Robert A. Long Historical Society in Kansas City, they would like us to join. They are willing to sell us copies of the movie DVD at less cost than they are selling it for and will pay for the shipping. Cost to join, \$50.00 Corporate, \$100 Yellow Ribbon, \$250 Red Ribbon and a \$500 Blue Ribbon* (*equivalent to a lifetime membership). Mike suggests that we do a Corporate Membership and Doug suggests we do the \$100 Yellow Membership. The consensus of the group is we do the \$100 Yellow Membership for the first year and see how it goes. The DVD will cost us \$15/ea and they pay the shipping, the consensus is we should purchase about 20 and see how they go. Motion made to buy 20 motion passed unanimously. Generic jackets must be purchased at a minimum of 25. Maureen will check on the inventory for the jackets by the next meeting. The discussion for the merchandised will continue at next month's meeting.

New Business:

- [1] May meeting will be discussing plans for the Go 4th booth at the lake. Helene will bring check off list and sign up sheet.
[2] Helene needs to email addresses to roster.

Adjournment: 7:54 pm by Doug O'Connor
Next meeting April 29, 2008
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Respectfully submitted by,
Maureen Young
Transcribed by
M. Helene Watson, Secretary
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