

Robert A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting
August 26, 2008
Doug O'Connor's Home
1424 Kessler Blvd

Officers in Attendance: Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Maureen Parsons (1961), Arlene Hall (1953), Dee Whyte (1960), Bob Stack (1961), Helene Watson (1961)

Board Members Absent: Bert Karnofski, Kim Walters, Jade Casio, Dyarle Sharkey and Lonnie Knowles

Guest: Susan Donahue drama director for Main Stage

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

Treasurers Report: Given by Mike Chess

Checking Balance: \$8,477.00

Reader Board Balance #18: \$1,165.21

Booster Club Reader Board Balance #19: \$3,273.81

Future Projects #20: \$1,096.55

Golf Tournament Fund: \$1,136.44

TOTAL: \$15,149.01

Membership: No new memberships

Merchandise Sales:

Class Reunions:

Old Business:

- [1] According to Susan Donahue the sound system items have been ordered and the old monster speaker above the stage has been removed.
- [2] Maureen Young turned over \$270 from the Class of 1963 reunion. There was money turned over from the class of 1958 reunion and the class of 1968 reunion.
- [3] Reunions: Dee is finding problems with the contact person for some of the reunions. She is being told by the contact person that there wouldn't be enough interest to warrant her being there and then finding out after the fact that attendees would have liked for us to be there. Some of the classes have been so happy to have us there that they announce to the attendees that we are there selling merchandise. There has also been inquiries about us accepting credit card purchases. Darcey said that the Credit Union uses something called Total Merchant Concepts that will allow us to accept credit cards. She indicated that she can contact them to see if it would be worth our while to do work with them.
- [4] Merchandise: Maureen and Bert decided to place an order for hats but they will be a combination black w/white bill. It was decided to sell the last 8 mugs for \$10 each, we are low on sweatshirts. Doug ordered 10 more pen sets from Ty Morris and asked him about the logo registration and he will get back to Doug.

- [5] Booster Club cancelled last week at the last minute, but they are meeting tomorrow night 8/27/08, Doug is unable to attend so Maureen and Helene will attend to deliver the 4 boxes of axes. We will have a trucker hat for them to look at in case they want to try selling them and a hoody sample that they indicated they may want to stock. Booster club indicated that they have no problem if we want to set up to sell at one of the football games and a couple of the basketball games. After some discussion we will make a decision later.

New Business:

- [1] Doug received a written request from the Choir Director to have the choir robes cleaned, they are about 10 years old and have never been cleaned. The estimated cost to have cleaned is about \$800, approximately \$6.00 per robe. The question was asked as to why the school district is not paying for the cleaning of these robes. Dee brought up the fact that we have a grant form as a request for funds and wanted to why these different people aren't using the form.
- [2] Susan Donahue talked about the fact that Main Stage Theater was nominated for the American High School Theater Festival and was selected to participate in the festival to be held in Edinborough, Scotland. This is the largest combination, theater, music, drama, dance and comedy festival in the world. It is very expensive, the district doesn't like to sponsor overseas travel because of the cost for additional insurance that would be required to cover the participants who would be traveling. The additional cost could potentially be added to the \$5,700 cost per person for those who would be going. The other alternative would be that the district would have to pick up the cost, which we can be fairly certain they will not be willing to do. Because the fundraising money being raised cannot be run through the ASB account, so it needs to be in an account that would not be taxed and would allow anyone who wants to donate monies to be able to use it as a tax deduction and that can not be done unless they are a non-profit. They understand that it requires substantial time and paperwork to be set up as a non-profit organization and they don't have the time required to do that for this one event. The school district doesn't want to be involved and don't want any school district employees to be involved in the keeping of the monies for this project, because of the legal repercussions that could be involved, including a person's employment. They are asking if the Alumni Association could set up a sub account to hold these fundraising monies for them. Then when they need the monies the Alumni Association would write them a check for the monies. A vote of the board in attendance and passed to help the Main Stage drama group by holding fundraising monies in a sub account for them. Mike offered to put something on the Alumni Association website to help promote their fundraising. It was also suggested that we include this project in our annual fall letter to promote the Alumni Association. She also thanked the association for the equipment that had already been purchased and commented on how much it had already been in use.
- [2] Darcie received an email from a lady who furnishes wine at a discount price for various organizations.

Adjournment: 8:25 pm by Doug O'Connor
Next meeting September 30, 2008
Place: R.A. Long High School
Room 115 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
M. Helene Watson, Secretary
R.A. Long Alumni Association