

Robert A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting
November 24, 2009
R. A. Long High School
Classroom 115

Board Members in Attendance: Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Arlene Hall (1950), Helene Watson (1961), Bob Stack (1961), Helen Whitcomb (1947) Dyarle Sharkey 1961, Margie Wixon (1961) Maureen Parsons (1961)

Board Members Absent: Dee Whyte (1960), Bert Karnofski (1976)

Guests: Rich Reeves (1986) Principal of R.A. Long High School and Jim Watson (1955)

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

Treasurers Report: Results of the mailing Mike and Darcie sent out in September; 2 new members Dave Feldhouse and Sandra Cranston. Two donations of \$500 each from Dan Evans and Gary Schweikart and several \$100 donations, Darcie sent thank you notes.

Checking Balance: \$4,433.23

Balance of Certificate #18: \$1,218.46

Balance of Certificate #20: \$2,312.77

TOTAL: \$7,964.46

The outstanding bill to Kimmel Athletics was paid this last month.

Old Business:

- [1] It was voted to send a pen set to Gary Schweikart who donated \$500. Doug has a request from Brian Price for a pen set.
- [2] Doug reminded that we should have a table set up for before and after the Hall of Fame presentation which takes place on December 4th. Bob Stack will be taking pictures during the Hall of Fame presentation. The Hall of Fame committee pays to have something printed in the Daily News.
- [3] Bert Karnofski brought up an old question after our last meeting. Is there possibly a student available to update our mailing list and keep it updated. Mike and Darcie seem to think they have a handle on the situation. Darcie indicated that using a student to help with entering new class lists and to help sending out the renewal notices, would be beneficial. The question was asked if we had some way of getting lists of graduating classes when they have their reunions. It was brought up again that there is a woman from the class of 1964 who has kept an extensive list of all reunion classmates but is still considering it proprietary.

New Business:

- [1] Maureen received a call from Lonnie Knowles about donating some items to decorate a tree with RAL Alumni items for the Festival of Trees auction at the hospital. She gave him some axes, trucker hats, some decals and a couple of the lapel pins.
- [2] Darcie received some correspondence from former classmates one was addressed to the new principal Rich Reeves. One from Cathy Rice Graham with \$200 in

\$100 from herself and \$100 in memory of her brother Tom Rice class of 1961. One letter from the R.A.Long Historical Society indicating that many of their members were not aware of the existence of R.A. Long High School. It was decided to give Rich Reeves one of the CD's about Robert A. Long and Mike suggested that we should donate a copy of the CD for the Library if don't currently have one. A note from Terrance Anderson class of 1949, suggested it might be interesting to include information about some alumni in our newsletter. Doug suggested we take this idea under consideration. Correspondence is currently being kept by the Historian, Dee Whyte.

- [3] Rich indicated that he would like to get some alumni who would be willing to share their success story with the current students, so they can see that there are alumni who have. Rich would also like to do something special using some of the military veterans.
- [4] The website received an email from a classmate who had a game ball from one of the RAL and Mark Morris games and would like to present it to the school.
- [5] Rich brought up the Mr. RA Long competition and would like to extend it to outside the school itself, by asking for donations from more than the students. If they could support from outside sources in the form of larger dollar donations it could be possible to offer monetary scholarships to the winners of the competition. We brought up the fact that the association donated money to start up the Lumberjack Log but they have never come back and asked us to buy an ad. We do hear from Year book each year and pay for an ad to appear in it. Doug indicated that we would discuss our finances after the first of the year and look at making some sort of a donation to the Mr. RALong competition.

Doug wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment: 7:40 pm by Doug O'Connor, President
Next Board meeting: January 26, 2010
Place: Darrin Dollemore's classroom 115

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