

Lincoln Lynx Alumni Board Meeting

January 18, 2020 – University House – 12:30PM

Attendees (16): Jackie King '67 President, Suzanne Lundquist '63 Vice President, Lynne Emmons '72 class rep and Treasurer, Ron Jostol '51 class rep, Beverly Washburn '57 Merchandise Chair, Judy Roe '64 Recording Secretary and Website Chair, Mary Johnson '40 class rep, Jeff Taylor '79 co-class rep, Monica Lirio '79 co-class rep, Steve LaVergne '60 Financial Secretary, Sandy Smith '57 Member at Large, Linda Strock '62 class rep and All Class Luncheon Liaison and Database Chair, Verna Rossevelt '66 class rep and Historian Chair, Renee Bird '72, John Hanson '55, Isa Poole (Lincoln High School freshman/editor of annual). A quorum of at least 10 Board members was present.

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Motion to approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2019 made by Lynne Emmons seconded by Jeff Taylor. PASSED**
- IV. **Motion to approve the appointed Board positions made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Beverly Washburn PASSED**
 - a. **Member-At-Large - Sandy Stuart Smith '57**
 - b. **Financial Secretary - Steve LaVergne '60**
 - c. **Totem II Editor - Monica Fosmire Weber '73**
 - d. **Website Chair - Judy Armstrong Roe '64**
 - e. **Database Chair - Linda Unger Strock '63**
 - f. **Scholarship Chair - Gretchen Gaiser Mork '57**
 - g. **Scholarship Scribe – Judy Armstrong Roe '64**
 - h. **Historian/Archivist - Verna Sorlie Rossevelt '66**
 - i. **Merchandise Chair - Beverly Anderson Washburn '57**
 - j. **Paver Committee Chair - Sandy Stuart Smith '57**
 - k. **Hall of Fame Committee Chair - Monica Fosmire Weber '73**
- V. **Motions to approve appointed Officer of the Association**
 - a. **Motion to change the LLAA By-Laws to make Recording Secretary an Officer of the Association (remains an appointed position) made by Beverly Washburn seconded by Linda Strock. PASSED** Note: deeming Recording Secretary as an Officer of the Association is a change in the By-Laws but is in accordance with the WA State RCW for our non-profit.
 - b. **Motion to appoint Judy Armstrong Roe '64 as Recording Secretary made by Sandy Smith and seconded by Beverly Washburn. PASSED**
- VI. **Motion to approve the Board and Annual Business Meeting days for 2020 made by Steve LaVergne and seconded by Lynne Emmons PASSED**
 - a. **2/15, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/6 luncheon, 9/19, Annual Business Meeting on 10/17 (elect VP and Treasurer), 11/21**
- VII. **Reports**

a. Class Reps and Guests alumni

1. Jon Hanson '55 enjoyed the Open House. Mary Johnson '40 helped him find his paver.
2. Mary Johnson '40 attended a concert at LHS on December 12th and wants the LHS event information passed to the University House Life Enrichment Committee for future LHS events.
3. Ron Jostol '51 is attempting to breath more life into his group by sending a letter for the New Year to them. He will contact Monica Weber with regards to having a table at, for instance, the All Class Luncheon so he can collect donations for the Hall of Fame.
4. Jeff Taylor and Monika Lirio '79 are planning several LLAA events and though class of '79 is their focus everyone is welcome. Her middle daughter is a department head at LHS and now her younger daughter has been hired as an LHS tutor. Monika Lirio hopes to see LHS students including Isa Poole at the LLAA All Class Luncheon on June 6th, 2020.
5. Steve LaVergne reported that there are 1332 'MBR' in LLAA with most of the recent money representing membership renewals.

- b. Luncheon Committee for the June 6, 2020 event -Linda Strock** (Suzanne Lundquist, Judy Roe, Verna Rossevelt members) Linda Strock met with the Nile contact Savannah on January 14, 2020. The Nile had incorrectly reserved the room for June 26, 2020 and luckily the correct date of June 6, 2020 was available. The cost per person not including dessert is \$26.01. The berry cobbler would cost \$2.50 more per person. Linda Strock recommended bringing our own dessert(s) which the Nile will allow. Ron Jostol offered \$1000 donation to be used towards extra servings of fish. He noticed the servings of fish last year were not adequate. Linda Strock is going to check with the Nile to see what can be done to resolve this issue.

Linda Strock mentioned that Jack McKay sent out several email reminders and this may be one of the reasons the 2019 All Class Luncheon had high attendance.

Judy Roe provided the name of a class rep who wishes to help with the luncheon and may be willing to help with the auction. Suzanne Lundquist will meet with this class rep and provide details. In addition, Suzanne Lundquist found out that John Harter '63 is willing to be Master of Ceremonies again. Judy Roe provided the names of 3 others who also offered to help.

According to Linda Strock, there will be a meeting of the Luncheon Committee during February.

The Board accepted staying with the same registration fee as last year: \$35 until the deadline and \$45 after the deadline.

Ron Jostol wishes to have a table at the All Class Luncheon to gather money for the Hall of Fame and will talk to Monica Weber, Chair of the HOF Committee.

Suzanne Lundquist emphasized that it would be helpful if everyone on the Board would start collecting items for the All Class Luncheon Silent Auction now.

- c. Paver Committee-Sandy Smith and Suzanne Lundquist** The number of pavers already in place is 593 and they have at least 155 more orders. The net profit so far is \$26,201. There needs to be a statement on the paver order form indicating the price of \$75 is guaranteed

only until a certain date. The Committee will look into setting the date and updating the paver order form. They are working with Quiring Monuments to improve the print on pavers where the engraving is faded/unreadable.

Monika Lirio wishes to make PayPal available for payment of the pavers. Since website hosting service Handmade Designs would have to set this up and the paper form would still be needed for those who have no computer, Jackie King is putting a hold on this request.

- d. **Scholarship Committee – Gretchen Mork** (Jackie King reported) Chair person Gretchen Mork is seeking more members. They will review the scholarship applications received by the May 1st, 2020 deadline and report to the Board by May 16th.

Recording Secretary Judy Roe will serve as Scholarship Scribe. The two scholarship forms will be updated by Judy Roe to reflect 2020 changes as requested by the Scholarship Committee.

- e. **Finance Review Committee Audit – Suzanne Lundquist/Monika Lirio** The audit will occur during a February 16th meeting including Suzanne Lundquist, Vice President, and Lynne Emmons, Treasurer, and Monika Lirio.
- f. **Totem II (March 5 deadline) – Monica Weber** (Jackie King reported) Steve LaVergne has joined the Totem II Committee and will review/edit some of the columns. Beverly Washburn suggested the Totem II team should include upcoming Lincoln High School events in the next issue. The LHS website includes a calendar of events: [LHS calendar](#)
- g. **Historian - Alumni Room – Verna Rossevelt** Due to the recent snowstorm, the one alumnus who had requested access to the room cancelled.

To better organize small donated items such as buttons, Verna Rossevelt is creating more storage boards.

- h. **Merchandise – Bev Washburn** Renee Bird's brother put her photo of the restored LHS stairwell on a t-shirt. The Board agreed that the goal to get these t-shirts into the merchandise offerings for the All Class Luncheon is a great idea. Lynne Emmons suggested adding red and black socks to the merchandise.
- i. **Hall of Fame – Monica Weber** (Jackie King reported) Monica Weber is still teaching at a high school, Snohomish High, which has a Hall of Fame with documentation pertaining to selection criteria and their active HOF process.
- j. **Anyone else?**
LHS student Isa Poole indicated that some LHS traditions such as Traditions Day (established in 1945) and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln will be talked about but they won't be officially practiced at LHS. The advisor, Christina Neuschwander, has offered to meet with the Board. Isa Poole showed the cover page and ends page designs for their 2020 annual. The school is planning for a musical, The Addams Family, and is conducting auditions. Tara Sullivan, drama adviser, will take donations. The librarian, Claire Scott, is interested in the LLAA Totem II publication and wishes to meet with the Totem II team. Claire Scott is also eager to talk with minority alumni about their experiences.

VIII. Presentation of financials and 2020 budget – Lynne Emmons

- a. **Motion to approve October, November and YE December 2019 financials made by Monika Lirio and seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED**
- b. **Motion to approve 2020 budget as provided by Treasurer Lynne Emmons was made by Steve LaVergne and seconded by Judy Roe. PASSED**
The proposed 2020 budget creates a deficit of about \$5,000 however LLAA has money in the bank to cover the loss.

As mentioned in the Minutes for the 1/11/2020 Executive Committee Meeting, LLAA has an annuity under Naomi Starkenburg's name at Heritage Bank (note: original contact was at the Lynnwood branch). The Treasurer's goal is to cash out the annuity when it matures in June 2020.

IX. Membership Recruitment

- a. **Switch MBR to Frmr on January 31st with emails to Class Reps Monica Weber will switch MBR to Frmr on January 31st.** Jackie King noted that future emails from the President will be from the website instead of Constant Contact. The focus will be on local alumni who have TMP or recent Frmr membership type.
- b. **Notifications to Frmr members (emails/letters) – Master List of all Frmr** Judy Roe will run an extract of all alumni who had expired membership date between April, 2019 and February 1, 2020 and give the Excel file to Jackie King early in February. An extract was given to Jackie King during January which showed all the Frmr members who had an expiration date since April 2018 and the list contained a total of 399.
- c. **Postcard mailing in spring to local TMP and Frmr – advertise membership and luncheon**
The 2020 budget includes \$750 for the spring postcard mailing.
- d. **Motion to increase membership dues from \$15 to \$20 per year beginning July 1, 2020 (“Fire sale” announcements in Totem II, postcards, letters, emails) made by Lynne Emmons and seconded by Sandy Smith. PASSED** The dues have been \$15 for at least 9 years. Money from membership dues has been declining.

Monika Lirio expressed the idea that income would increase and membership would be more attractive if package deals are available: friends/relatives could give graduating LHS seniors a lifetime LLAA membership or alumni could buy a 3-year membership which would include a t-shirt, ticket to All Class Luncheon, etc. Jackie King reminded the Board this type of offering would require a change to the By-Laws and another discussion later.

X. Outstanding standing chairs to be filled

- a. **By-Laws Chair – Jackie King**
- b. **Nominating Committee Chair - TBD**
- c. **Wallingford Community Liaison versus Lincoln High School Liaison** Jackie King explained that she is seeking someone who is going to establish a working relationship with the PTSA and LHS and who will find additional contact(s) who will regularly feed information to LLAA. Ron Jostol volunteered to attend the PTSA meetings and meet with the principal. Jackie King plans to work with staff member Christina Neuschwander.

XI. Closing remarks

Linda Strock, during the last All Class Luncheon, accepted \$20 for a membership fee but lost the name. She wished to alert the Board in case the issue is raised by a classmate.

Jackie King told Linda Strock to setup student Isa Poole in the database so she can automatically receive the Totem II and see the other Totem II.

Jon Hanson '55 requested money for LHS athletes to cover the costs of for instance equipment and insurance. According to Jackie King, the by-laws, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation Article III, allow the Board to allocate scholarship money to other LHS/LLAA endeavors yet, due to the declining LLAA membership dues and upcoming projects such as the LHS Hall of Fame, money cannot be provided for LHS athletics during 2020. Monika Lirio indicated that typically booster clubs are setup to support school athletics and LLAA could advertise their booster club(s) via the website, Facebook pages, brochures.

Isa Poole showed her designs for the end pages and cover page of the 2020 LHS annuals and requested suggestions. One suggestion was to include a phrase from the LHS Alma Mater in the front end page.

Reminder next Board meeting: Saturday February 15, 2020 at 12:30PM University House location.

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Armstrong Roe '64, Recording Secretary**