

LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:00 via Zoom

ATTENDEES (17): Co-President **Jackie King '67**; Vice President, Paver and Luncheon Committee **Suzanne Lundquist '63**; Financial Secretary **Steve LaVergne '60**; Recording Secretary, Website Chair, Database Backup, Scholarship Scribe **Judy Roe '64**; Class Rep, All Class Luncheon Liaison, Database Chair **Linda Strock '62**; Class Rep **James Raptis '80**; Class Rep, Treasurer **Lynne Emmons '72**; Scholarship Committee Chair, Class Co-Rep **Monika Lirio '79**; Class Rep, Scholarship Committee **Cheryl Brush '77**; Class Co-Rep, Historian/Archivist **Verna Rossevelt '66**; Paver Committee Chair **Sandy Smith '57**; Class Rep **Dixie Hughes '57**; Class Rep **Wayne Porter '65**; Merchandise Chair **Merry Pritchard '74**; Member/Volunteer **Michele Henderson '64**; Class Rep **Diane Cashman '68**; Former Class Rep **Don Ford '49**. There was a quorum of at least 10 Board members.

I. Welcome!

II. Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to Approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2021 made by Lynne Emmons seconded by Linda Strock PASSED

III. Motion to Approve Board and Standing Chairs (Appointed by President) made by Linda Strock seconded by Verna Rossevelt PASSED

Steve LaVergne '60, Financial Secretary

Judy Armstrong Roe '64, Recording Secretary, Website Chair

Monika Fosmire Weber '73, Totem II Editor

Monika Aiken Lirio '79, Scholarship Chair (Member-At-Large Exec Committee)

Linda Unger Strock '62, Database Chair, Luncheon Liaison (Member-At-Large Exec Committee)

Verna Sorlie Rossevelt '66, Historian/Archivist

Sandy Stuart Smith '57, Paver Committee Chair

Merry Pritchard '74, Merchandise Chair

IV. Motion to Approve LLAA Meeting Dates for 2022: Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 23, May 21, (June 4 Luncheon), July 16, Sept 17, Oct 22 Annual Business Meeting (elect VP & Treasurer), Nov 19 made by Suzanne Lundquist seconded by Lynne Emmons PASSED

V. Reports

a. Class Reps

- Lynne Emmons '72 continues to work on their 50th reunion which is planned for August 27, 2022 at Shoreline Elks...vaccination card required for entry.
- Verna Rossevelt class of '66 has put plans for the class's next reunion on hold due to health issues among several classmates. [Click here for her Historian/Archivist Report.](#)
- Diane Cashman '68 has experienced COVID with main symptom being extreme, lasting fatigue. She sent out an email to tell classmates about expired memberships.
- Linda Strock '62 is going to send out a survey to determine how many from '62 would attend the class's 60th reunion.
- Don Ford '49 said his class is "pretty dormant".
- Monika Lirio '79 indicated Jeff Taylor has COVID with notable symptoms/quarantine.
- Wayne Porter '65 class is delaying their reunion possibly until 2025.

- Cheryl Brush '77 is in a book club with a couple other alumni. Her class may have a reunion this year ideally with an outdoor venue.
- James Raptis '80 is a wrestling coach for LHS. Three wrestlers got COVID from a referee. Unfortunately, classmate Jay Steven Walsh has passed away.
- Merry Pritchard '74 has been busy helping a granddaughter. Jackie King reminded her that LLAA needs to know how much money should be budgeted for 2022 'Merchandise Expense'. Merry plans to work with prior Chair, Bev Washburn '57.
- Sandy Smith '57 reported that similar to class of '77 her class may have a reunion this year in an outdoor venue at end of summer.
- All expressed sadness about Ron Jostol passing away (class rep for '51). He was held in high regard by the Board "he was a gracious, nice man". The next issue of Totem II will provide information about Ron Jostol.

b. Membership – Steve LaVergne not present/no report.

c. Scribe – Scholarship Donations – Judy Roe counted 48 donations for December totaling \$2,595. The total donations for 2021 was \$25,690 which exceeded the budgeted amount of \$18,000. This was largely due to the \$10,000 donation from Mary Johnson '40 and over \$1,100 from the class of '65. There were 281 donations for 2021. A thank you note was sent to each donor.

VI. All Class Luncheon (June 4, 2022 at the Nile in Montlake Terrace) – Linda Strock and Suzanne Lundquist

a. Menu "San Juan" including salmon and chicken (similar to 2019 menu)

b. Pricing: Pre-Registration and At-the-Door Linda Strock recommended \$35 pre-registration and \$40 at the door. The \$35 will provide about \$1.43 over the actual cost of the luncheon.

c. Checking COVID vaccination cards The Board recommended that all attendees must be checked prior to entry to ensure they have a vaccination card and also recommended that each attendee be given a wrist band once their vaccination card is checked or have their hand stamped. Don Ford said the Board must be prepared for various issues: forgets to bring vaccination card, refuses to wear mask, what happens if they have already paid but they aren't allowed to stay (would money be refunded)? The Board recommended the Luncheon Committee work out more details. Michele Henderson '64 offered to help.

d. Theme: "Don't Count the Years...Count the Memories"

e. Artwork and posting for the web Jackie King will contact Nancy Fox about creating artwork relevant to this theme

f. Email to the members? Some on the Board want email and Facebook type surveys to determine how many would actually attend this luncheon. Monika Lirio suggested the Facebook type poll. Linda Strock is tentatively expecting attendance of approximately 250.

VII. Totem II – Jackie King

Discuss: winter edition of Totem II and options The winter issue has been quite problematical for many years since the deadlines and editing work interfere with the holiday season/vacations. Consequently, the Totem II Committee recommends going to two issues possibly with a deadline in March, publication in April, and a deadline in August with Totem II publication in September.

There were several who expressed concerns. Don Ford itemized 3 driving forces of concern: economics, time constraints, reaction from the membership. Sandy Smith reminded everyone the membership fee just went up from \$15 to \$20 but now we may be reducing one of the primary benefits of being a member. Other comments focused on these facts: some members want to continue having the paper copy option, others don't want to use Facebook to keep up with events, some don't want an electronic version (have no computer access or find the electronic version hard to read or print), and future graduates may be more inclined to accept an electronic version of Totem II. Another suggestion from Monika Lirio: have a third issue offered only electronically in the summer but make it more condensed. Michele Henderson '64 offered to be a member of the Totem II Committee.

Overall, despite concerns, most agreed going from 3 to 2 issues of Totem II (published in April and September) is probably acceptable especially if the quality remains excellent and there continues to be lots of content beyond obituaries. Monica Weber may run a survey with class reps to gather their opinions.

VIII. Presentation of Financial Statements and Annuity Disposition, 2022 Budget – Lynne Emmons

a. Motion to Approve November and December 2021 Financials made by Monika Lirio seconded by Linda Strock PASSED

There was net income for 2021 of \$7,201.22 due to increased scholarship donations. Storage costs continue to increase.

b. Update on Heritage/American National Annuity (received \$32,888.80 for scholarship funds) Motion to Approve Putting the \$32,888.80 from the Expired Annuity into a 3 Month Key Bank CD made by Monika Lirio seconded by Linda Strock PASSED

c. Review 2022 Budget #1 and 2022 Budget #2

Motion to approve LLAA 2022 Budget #1 (3 issues of Totem II per year) **or** LLAA 2022 Budget #2 (2 issues of Totem II per year) **was delayed** until February 19th meeting when hopefully the Totem II Editor, Monica Weber, can be present. These budgets include income from the silent auction and merchandise sales and are dependent on the All Class Luncheon occurring.

IX. Storage Rental Unit

a. Volunteer work party to clean out and organize Sandy Smith sought reassurance that Verna Rossevelt would be involved with determining what should be cleared out. For instance, there is a very large sign that obstructs access. Verna really wants the sign to be kept but stored elsewhere. Suzanne Lundquist and Don Ford offered to help the work party. Verna requested a delay until after February.

b. Goal – to reduce our need for a 10x10 storage unit Historian Verna Rossevelt offered to pay the monthly fee for the storage unit and does not want the unit moved since the current location is convenient for her. Others expressed doubts about going to a smaller unit. Wayne Porter remarked that the unit contains “a lot of good stuff” and there needs to be an effort to offer some of the “cleaned out” items to other classes (possibly via a sale).

The money from Verna Rossevelt to pay for the storage unit will show in financials as “Miscellaneous Income” according to Lynne Emmons.

X. 2022 Scholarship Program – Jackie King

- a. **Posted on website**
- b. **Email to Christy Neuschwander at LHS re: the Scholarship Program**

XI. LLAA & LHS Senior Engagement 2022 – Monica Weber

- a. **Mock-up of mailer to be given to LHS seniors – Judy Roe** The mailer was presented as the inner portion of a brochure. She recommended that the Senior Engagement Committee complete the brochure by creating a cover and back page. One idea for the gift for the graduate is a LLAA mug however due to potential mailing costs Judy Roe suggested a gift of a LLAA pen and \$10 gift certificate to Dicks or Starbucks. Jackie King agreed to work with Monica Weber and Nancy Fox to complete the brochure.

The Board does like the brochure idea but had quite a few comments about the paver gift option. Sandy Smith was asked how many more pavers exist and she replied “about 238”. Don Ford advised that if more beyond the remaining 238 pavers are planned they should be installed on a vertical wall and be better quality/smooth bricks.

- b. **Other ideas?** Verna Rossevelt believes LLAA can get email addresses and home addresses of graduates from LHS. She is seeking the 2022 graduation program which will provide the complete name of each graduate but no other information.

XII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. **Celebrating Mary Johnson’s 100th birthday** – Mary Johnson called Jackie King to express her appreciation for the bouquet of roses from LLAA. She was overwhelmed with many birthday cards.

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NEXT MEETING Saturday, February 19, 2022 10AM Via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Armstrong Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary