

LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:00 via Zoom

ATTENDEES (14): *Co-President Jackie King '67; Co-President, Class Rep, Totem II Editor Monica Weber '73; 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 Nominee Wally Green '60; Class Rep, Treasurer Lynne Emmons '72; Scholarship Committee Chair, Class Co-Rep Monika Lirio '79; Paver Committee Chair Sandy Smith '57; Class Rep Dixie Hughes '57; Merchandise Chair Merry Pritchard '74; Former Merchandise Chair Bev Washburn '57.*
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 January 22, 2022 made by Linda Strock seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. **PASSED.**

III. **Motion** to approve Wally Green '60 to be the Class Rep for '60 made by Linda Strock seconded by Beverly Washburn. **PASSED.**

IV. **Reports**

a. **Class Reps**

- **Lynne Emmons '72** continues to work with classmates on their 50th reunion which is planned for August 27, 2022 at Shoreline Elks. They visited the Shoreline Elks recently and some were dissatisfied and may look for an alternate venue. One classmate reviewed their mailing list and found 260 addresses which will be used in a mailing. Lynne intends to give the new addresses to Jackie, Linda, and Judy so the addresses can be updated in the LLAA database.
- **Dixie Hughes '57** is collecting information for her Totem II article that is due by March 5th.
- **Sandy Smith '57** has met with the '57 Reunion Committee to plan the 65th reunion which will be at Edmonds Park this summer.
- **Linda Strock '62** is likewise planning a reunion to celebrate their 60th event for August date at the Nile Shriners. Since there is money remaining from their 55th they can use the money this year to pay for some of their costs. A luncheon instead of dinner likewise will hold down costs for her classmates. Linda expressed gratitude: a few classmates have donated money to cover part of the costs of their luncheon. The '62 committee will meet via Zoom the week of February 21st.
- **James Raptis '80 (wrestling coach at LHS)** reported they have 6 girls on the girls wrestling team and 12 boys on the boys team. Five guys went to regional and 1 guy went to state. One girl had a win at the regional level.

- b. **Membership – Steve LaVergne:** Not including the lifetime memberships, there are 1137 active memberships. Jackie King will again send an email to members who have or will soon have expired memberships.
- c. **Scribe – Scholarship Donations – Judy Roe:** There were 22 donations during January. Jorg-Michael Rustige '63 (Hamburg, Germany) contributed \$20 to express gratitude for his enjoyable experience as the German exchange student at LHS.
- d. **Historian – Verna Rossevelt ([click for details](#)):** The order for two of the 2022 Yearbooks has been submitted. LHS will give Verna a copy of the 2022 graduation program which will provide the names of the graduates. Verna plans to keep the large Lynx wooden poster in the storage unit so it will be more available for all classes.
- e. **Merchandise – Bev Washburn for Merry Pritchard:** All remaining apparel items will be on a sale table at the All Class Luncheon. Merry and Bev plan to meet with Bruce Amundsen at Star Sportswear & Promotional Products (<https://www.companycasuals.com/startest/start.jsp>) to order new items. Jackie King requested items with the LLAA logo on them. Monika Lirio wondered if some LLAA items could be sold by Wallingford businesses however Lynne Emmons, Treasurer, reminded the Board that LLAA could lose its non-profit status if advertise/sell items at retail businesses.

Since there is going to be an All Class Luncheon, Bev requested an increase in their merchandise budget from \$500 to \$3500.

Motion to approve increasing the merchandise budget for 2022 from \$500 to \$3500 made by Lynne Emmons, seconded by Monika Lirio. PASSED.

- f. **Pavers – Sandy Smith:** Quiring Monuments agreed to do the 2022 paver order. The minimum for the order is 35. Due to dwindling sales, Sandy Smith recommended promoting this year's pavers as possibly being the last year of availability. Monica Weber agreed to post this in the next Totem II.

V. All Class Luncheon (June 4th “Don’t Count the Years...Count the Memories”) – Linda Strock and Suzanne Lundquist

- a. **Luncheon report: ([click here for more details](#))** John Harter '63 will be Master of Ceremonies. Mary Berg Cranny '72 will again help at the reservation and the buffet tables. Steve Shelton '62 agreed to help with photographs. Marilyn Miley Enloe '67 (who has done this before) plans to manage the silent auction.

The dessert item(s) have not been determined. Peach cobbler would cost \$2.75 per person. Monika Lirio recommended individually wrapped cookies at each place setting. Beverly Washburn suggested cupcakes. Linda Strock intends to talk with Monika Lirio to finalize the dessert menu item.

- b. **New luncheon flyer (website & email) ([click here](#)) and mail-in registration ([click here](#))**
- c. **Motion to approve charging \$38 pp for this year's luncheon until May 30 when the cost will increase to \$45 pp made by Sandy Smith seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED.**
- d. **Ready to post on website & email members:** Judy Roe will post the information to the website and create the luncheon registration event for online payment. Jackie King will send a mass email including information about the luncheon and she reminded Monica Weber the information should also be published on the first page of the next Totem II.

VI. Totem II – Monica Weber

- a. **Discuss Totem II publications (two issues April and October instead of 3):**
Gathering information and publishing the Totem II during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season has been increasingly problematical.
- b. **Motion to approve 2 Issues (instead of 3 issues) of Totem II per year (April and October) made by Monika Lirio and seconded by Beverly Washburn. PASSED.**
Jackie King mentioned publishing just 2 issues instead of 3 issues will save money and gives the class reps more time to collect information for their Totem II articles. Wally Green emphasized this change to 2 issues instead of 3 issues should be announced in the next Totem II.
Jackie King reassured the Board they hope to keep each Totem II at 32 or even more pages.
- c. **March 5th deadline:** Class reps were reminded Totem II articles are due by March 5th.

VII. Presentation of Financial Statements for January 2022 and 2022 Budget – Lynne Emmons

- a. **Motion to approve January 2022 Financials made by Linda Strock seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED.**
The payment for the LLAA Post Office Box has been made. The money from the "Heritage/WI Bank Annuity" which has matured hasn't been moved to an interest bearing CD yet.

Lynne Emmons pointed out the LLAA Audit Committee (Monika Lirio and Suzanne Lundquist) will meet with her on Sunday 2/27 to review the 2021 financial records of the organization.
- b. **Review 2022 Budget – Lynne Emmons:** The 2022 budget has already changed to allow for increased merchandise expenditures and therefore this budget will be presented again at the next meeting for approval. Increasing the merchandise budget will "put us in the hole by \$1500" yet sales at the All Class Luncheon may compensate for this expenditure.

- c. **The motion to approve the LLAA 2022 budget:** Delayed by Jackie King due to the additional expense for merchandise that was approved earlier in this meeting (merchandise budget increased from \$500 to \$3500) and the additional expense of \$250 to pay for an ad to promote LLAA in the LHS 2022 Yearbook. Also, Lynne to purchase QuickBooks 2021 upgrade for \$78.

VIII. 2022 Scholarship Program – Monika Lirio/Jackie King

- a. **No feedback from Christy Neuschwander at LHS (Scholarship Program)**
Monika Lirio reminded the Board the By-Laws need to be updated to indicate “lineal descendants of LHS graduates” stops after great grandchildren. Jackie King agreed that updating the By-Laws needs to be a priority this year.

IX. LLAA & LHS Senior Engagement 2022 – Monica Weber/Jackie King

- a. **LHS ASB fundraiser to use old Lincoln logo on socks (available spring):**
Jackie King provided the LLAA logo for this use.
- b. **Emailed Alex Snyder at LHS (LLAA advertising in LHS 2022 Yearbook):**
Jackie King paid \$250 to the LHS Yearbook Committee to advertise LLAA.
- c. **Motion to approve compensating Jackie King the \$250 she paid to advertise the LLAA in the LHS 2022 Yearbook was made by James Raptis and seconded by Monika Lirio. PASSED.**
- d. **Flyer and gift options (gifts for 2022 LHS graduates) – needs work to accomplish:**
 - **List benefits to joining LLAA**
 - **State options for giving gift to 2022 LHS graduates**
 - **Include paver and membership printable forms for ordering gift for 2022 LHS graduate**
 - **Getting it all on 1 easy to read printable form**

Jackie King said the primary purpose is to gather contact information about the LHS 2022 graduates (**there are 170 this year**). After discussion it was tentatively decided to offer as gift options: a paver, a paver and membership, or membership alone. Sandy Smith told the Board she must know the name, phone, and email of whoever orders the pavers so she can contact them and therefore this information should remain on the order form. It was noted that the information on the order form for the new LLAA member would have to be manually entered into the LLAA database and possibly Steve LaVergne would do the data entry upon getting the check and the completed form.

Based on suggestions from Wally Green, there was discussion with regards to offering a one year free LLAA membership to new LHS graduates and similarly a one year free membership to the ‘TMP’, ‘Fmr’ alumni in the database. Costs would be held down by allowing only the pdf version of the Totem II. The information on the membership signup form for these free memberships would have to be manually entered into

the database by possibly the Database Committee. A limiting factor is many 'TMP' and 'Frmr' either do not have an email or it is out of date so we probably would not be able to tell them about this offer. After various ideas were considered, it was decided to put the discussion on hold for more research.

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

Also the Minutes have also been posted to the Website Guide within 'Meeting Minutes (Board)' [\(click here\)](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Armstrong Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary