



# LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday March 18, 2023, 10 am (ZOOM)

**ATTENDEES (12):** *Co-President Jackie King '67; Co-President, Class Rep, Totem II Editor Monica Weber '73; Vice President Suzanne Lundquist '63; Financial Secretary Steve LaVergne '60; Recording Secretary, Website Chair, Scholarship Scribe Judy Roe '64; Class Rep, Historian/Archivist Verna Rossevelt '66; Class Co-Rep, Scholarship Committee Chair Monika Lirio '79; Merchandise Co-Chair, Class Rep Jan Gerk '74; Class Rep Michael Eriks '77; Class Rep Norm Bolotin '69; Class Rep James Raptis '80; Member Sandy Smith '57. There was a quorum of at least 10 Board members.*

**I. Welcome**

**II. Motion to Approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2023 made by Monika Lirio seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED**

**III. Reports**

**A. Class Reps**

- i. **Michael Eriks:** brother Mark Eriks has purchased tickets for the All Class Luncheon.
- ii. **Monika Lirio:** plans to send photos to Monica Weber for the Totem II.
- iii. **Monica Weber:** continues to work on their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion which is scheduled for August 25 at McMenamin's Anderson School. Since Monica had to pay a deposit to reserve the venue she is thankful that many classmates are already sending money to register.
- iv. **Suzanne Lundquist:** reminded everyone their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion is at Edmonds City Park on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A classmate had difficulty paying online for membership. Jackie King requested a change to the "Continue" button for the online application form so it more explicitly states that you must click here for payment.
- v. **Sandy Smith:** her class will meet on April 6 to discuss their 66<sup>th</sup> reunion.
- vi. **Norm Bolotin:** is eagerly seeking out new members. For instance, he is looking to see who is on Classmates.com but has not joined LLAA. Also meeting with alumni from various other classes such as Charlie Brown '65 and Douglas Rambo '68 and giving them a "sales pitch" about joining. Norm will send a photo of himself for the next issue of Totem II.
- vii. **Jan Gerk:** has returned from Arizona, had "happy hour" with some classmates, and sent photos to Monica Weber.
- viii. **Steve LaVergne:** talked with class rep Wally Green who is trying to generate interest in a class reunion. Steve will send information for the next issue of Totem II to Monica at [totem2editor@gmail.com](mailto:totem2editor@gmail.com).
- ix. **Verna Rossevelt:** had to delay restarting the quarterly luncheons due to illness in her family.
- x. **James Raptis (assistant wrestling coach at LHS):** is leaving early to attend a wrestling event in Centralia where he will coach the free style wrestling. Seattle Wrestling Club is participating.

**B. Membership**

- i. **Steve LaVergne current members + LF:** there are 1,119 members and 48 lifers. During early March about 2,200 postcards advertising the All Class Luncheon and LLAA membership were mailed by Jackie King to former members (membership expiration date between 2013-2023, and living in WA) with the remaining recipients being TMP 's from the classes of 1970- 1982. Of these postcards, Steve reported that approximately 50 postcards were returned with invalid addresses. He will bring the returned postcards to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting so the Database Committee can work on correcting the addresses.

**ii. Jackie King – sent out 253 emails & 40 letters to current members whose memberships have expired or will by April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- C. Scholarship Donations – Judy Roe:** 7 donations were received during February totaling \$3,340. Loomis Foundation provided \$3,000 of the total in memory of Charles and Betty Loomis, class of 1939. Charles Loomis was the grandson of the founder of Loomis Armored Services. Judy agreed to write an article for the fall issue of the Totem II pertaining to the Loomis family after getting information from Ann Loomis, their daughter and director of the Loomis Foundation.
- D. Merchandise – Jan Gerk & Bev Washburn:** various ideas pertaining to which types of merchandise should be purchased are being tossed around but nothing has been ordered.
- E. Scholarship Committee – Monika Lirio:** deadline for receiving scholarship applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>. According to Steve LaVergne, no applications have been received yet. The Committee intends to review the applications on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fremont Dock Co. after the Board meeting.
- F. Totem II – Monica Weber:** the next issue will go out in early April. Many photos, articles, and obituaries have already received. Monica requested articles from several at the meeting.
- G. Archivist/Historian– Verna Rossevelt ([click here for report](#)):** LHS has started a newspaper blog called Lincoln Log (<https://lhslog.com>). One issue in February was a printed copy. If interested, Verna Rossevelt has a few copies to share with interested alumni ([joandverna@me.com](mailto:joandverna@me.com)). The journalism instructor is Emma Campbell.

**IV. All Class Luncheon – Linda Strock and Suzanne Lundquist**

- A. ACL registration active on website under Events (Monika posted it to Facebook):** it was suggested by several that the advertisement for the All Class Luncheon should also be on the Home page.
- B. Note: all member expiration notices also contained information about the luncheon registration**
- C. Currently we have 6 luncheon reservations: 4 online @\$40 and 2 checks @\$38:** Jackie King plans to send a bulk email to advertise the luncheon.

**V. Postcard Mailing Update – Jackie King**

- A. 2,200 postcards mailed March 6<sup>th</sup> (combo luncheon and membership registration):** mailed to “TMP” 1970-1982 and “Frmr” 2013-2022
- B. Received list from NCOA (USPS National Change of Address program):** Linda and Judy updated the database with these changes to the home addresses.

**VI. Presentation of Financial Reports – Jackie King for Lynne Emmons**

**Motion to Approve January 2023 and February 2023 Financial Reports made by Monika Lirio seconded by Verna Rossevelt. PASSED.**

Dues payments at \$1,400 are down about \$3,000 for January and February partly due to the fact fewer alumni are paying on annual basis and instead are doing multiple year payments. Scholarship donation payments are on target. Net income for January and February is about \$5,000. There is money set aside to pay for scholarship awards this year. Jackie is going to ask Lynne about the plan to buy a CD (earn interest income) which was put on hold while Lynne searched for the best deal.

**VII. LLAA Response to Issues at Lincoln High School**

- A. Alumni Room Unavailable/Items Missing/Unsupervised Usage – Verna Rossevelt ([click here for the detailed report](#)):** a group of Board members plans to meet to develop a plan and then schedule a meeting with the interim principal Corey Eichner and Registrar Miste Chandler who have both been part of the LHS staff since the school re-opened in 2019. The following Board members volunteered to be part of the group: Monica Weber, Jackie King, Verna Rossevelt, Norm Bolotin, Suzanne Lundquist. There was a consensus that the room could be available for the students but there should be alumni supervision and specific times. There are various concerns about items being taken and the room being open for unsupervised activities/classroom assignments/study hall to the point that

Verna Rossevelt could not get into the room many times. Another idea that was discussed is the fact that the library in the past has been used for the students who need to study or have a separate space for meetings.

- B. Christina Neuschwander, LHS Climate & Culture Specialist, Activities Coordinator, Student Leadership**  
**Sent Email Request:** the consensus of the Board was to decline the offer of involvement with the described project (“penis stairs”) since the subject matter content and perspective were disrespectful, inappropriate, and inconsistent with alumni experiences at Lincoln High. Several did research: the stairwell is a historical landmark from 1907 done in Gothic Jacobean style. Jackie King intends to send a reply to Christy Neuschwander ([click here for LLAA reply](#)).

- VIII. **Additional mailbox key?:** according to Steve LaVergne, James Raptis already has a second mailbox key since James lives by the post office. Steve picks up mail every two weeks unless during the scholarship application time period or All Class Luncheon time period and then he picks up the mail every week. Jackie urged Steve to be sure to pick up the mail every week for at least the next three weeks. Steve has been promptly giving the mail pertaining to scholarship applications to Monika Lirio on his way home from the post office. In addition, Jackie wants to be sure that all membership data is promptly updated because the expired memberships will be processed soon (members flipped from “MBR” to “Frmr” membership status if membership has expired). Jackie intends to send a follow up email to Steve who had to leave the meeting.
- IX. **Updating the By-Laws - Jackie King, Don Ford, Wally Green:** Stay tuned!
- X. **Closing Remarks**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING (notice the location change):**

***Saturday April 22 at 10AM***

***Fremont Dock Company (3500 1st Ave NW, Seattle, WA)***

Respectfully submitted,

**Judy Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary**