



LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday June 17, 2023, 10 am (ZOOM)

Pending Approval

ATTENDEES (12): Co-President **Jackie King '67**; Treasurer, Class Rep **Lynne Emmons '72**; Vice President **Suzanne Lundquist '63**; Financial Secretary **Steve LaVergne '60**; Recording Secretary, Website Chair, Scholarship Scribe **Judy Roe '64**; Class Rep **Dixie Hughes '57**; Class Co Rep, Scholarship Committee Chair **Monika Lirio '79**; Merchandise Co-Chair **Bev Washburn '57**; Luncheon Liaison, Database Chair, Class Rep **Linda Stroock '62**; Class Rep **Erlinda Morton '76**; Class Rep **James Raptis '80**; Class Rep, 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 May 20, 2023 made by Lynne Emmons seconded by Beverly Washburn. PASSED.**

III. Reports

A. Class Reps

- i. **Erlinda Morton** and 5 from her class of '76 attended the All-Class Luncheon. Her class intends to continue having a mini reunion each year similar to what her class did on May 6th. This mini reunion included other classes and a total of 22 attended. Several of Erlinda's siblings who also went to LHS attended the luncheon. Erlinda wished the food at the Nile Shrine Center had been better quality. Due to allergies, she needs to know what is in each food.
- ii. **Monika Lirio** saw 3 from her class of '79 at the All-Class Luncheon. There is a funeral today for Brad Smith class of '78 who recently passed away from cancer. He worked as an undercover police officer. Mark Shotwell '79 donated his former wife's cheerleader memorabilia. Elisa Shotwell '79, passed away in 2020.
- iii. **Lynne Emmons** attended the All-Class Luncheon and counted a total of 10 from her class of '72. They are planning a mini reunion at Taki Tiki Bar in Edmonds on August 19th.
- iv. **Dixie Hughes** and 11 others from her class of '57 attended the All-Class Luncheon. They plan to have a reunion at Edmonds Park on September 14th.
- v. **James Raptis '80** attended the All-Class Luncheon. He talked with one alumnus from the class of '81 and an alumnus, also a wrestler, from the class of '78. James enjoyed the dessert.

B. Membership Steve LaVergne: reported LLAA membership counts of 1,079 plus 46 'LF' ("lifers").

C. Scholarship Donations Judy Roe: stated that 25 scholarship donations were received in May for a total of \$1,074.

IV. Scholarships Monika Lirio

- A. Presentation of 4 LLAA Scholarships on June 20th at Lincoln High School (Jeff Taylor, Erlinda Morton, Jackie King will present the awards for the LHS graduates):** a total of 8 scholarships will be awarded to 4 lineal descendants and to 4 LHS 2023 graduates. Monika thanked Monica Weber, Lynne Emmons, and Jackie King for helping with preparing the awards. The Scholarship Guidelines have been improved each year.
- B. Letters to schools re: scholarship awards to Lynne Emmons:** Jackie King will delay sending the letters to Lynne Emmons until June 19th since the LHS awards are to remain secret until the awards are presented.

- V. **Alumni Table at LHS Senior Breakfast (gym) Thursday, June 22nd, 10AM-noon**
- A. **Volunteers (Jackie King, Verna Rossevelt, James Raptis already volunteered):** need another volunteer if we're going to do it. Lynne Emmons agreed to help. Verna Rossevelt will display LHS memorabilia. A free one-year membership will be offered to the 2023 LHS graduates if they fill out the membership sign up form.
- VI. **Presentation of Financial Reports for April and May 2023 Lynne Emmons**
- A. **Motion to Approve April and May 2023 Financial Statements as presented by Lynne Emmons made by Monika Lirio seconded by Linda Strock. PASSED.**
- LLAA is doing well financially partly because the Totem II has been reduced from 3 issues per year to 2 issues per year. Expenses such as merchandise expenses of \$1,900 have not been added to the financials yet. The post card mailing which advertised the All-Class Luncheon cost \$1,300. Scholarship donations are up yet membership dues are down. There is \$2,500 in the historical preservation fund. The Board needs to determine what will be done with the money.
- VII. **All Class Luncheon wrap-up Linda Strock and Suzanne Lundquist**
- A. **Luncheon registration: Total reserved 237 – 25 no shows + 38 walk-ins = 250 attendees:** the caterers, Navi's Catering Kitchen in Lynnwood, at the last minute increased the cost of the food for the luncheon. Linda Strock negotiated the cost down and saved LLAA about \$5,000 but nonetheless the luncheon had a loss. This year (unlike last year) the down payment to reserve the date was not deducted from the final cost.
- B. **Luncheon Finances Lynne Emmons (Membership Income/Expense-June Financials): Total income \$10,894 Luncheon expenses \$14,628 = loss of \$3,734**
- C. **Merchandise Jan Gerk/Bev Washburn total sales \$1,241 (Scholarship Fund):** the PayPal Zettle card reader was set up by Lynne Emmons to make entering the sales very easy. Beverly thanked the Treasurer Lynne Emmons. The new shirts were quite popular though some felt the cost was too high. Beverly Washburn explained the embroidery on the shirts and the shirts themselves are very high quality which justifies the cost. At the request of Lynne Emmons, Beverly Washburn agreed to have some stemless wines glasses for sale next year. James Raptis hopes beer glasses can be added to the merchandise.
- D. **Silent Auction Suzanne Lundquist total sales \$2,719 (Scholarship Fund):** the sales were about \$300 more than last year. Suzanne Lundquist expressed the concern that alumni in general do not give bids that are on par with the real value of the auction items. The big items just don't sell. Lynne Emmons will mail the bid sheets to Suzanne Lundquist.
- E. **Memorabilia and Archivist Report Verna Rossevelt: ([click here](#))**
- F. **General information Linda Strock and Suzanne Lundquist**
- i. **What do we think about the Nile and the event?**
1. **Positive feedback:** many appreciated and participated in the Silent Auction. Quite a few Board members volunteered to help and provided items for the silent auction and decorations. Don Ford was especially animated while greeting the alumnus. Members such as Steve Shelton (photographer) and John Harter (Master of Ceremony) also received praise. The donated Crumbl Cookies provided by Matt McDonald '77 were popular. LLAA merchandise sales and the Silent Auction income were good. The table decorations looked great.
 2. **Not so positive feedback:**
 - a. The caterer was changed by Nile Shrine Center from NW Signature to Navi's Catering Kitchen of Lynnwood during September. This catering company, a week before the luncheon, attempted to raise the price for the food by a huge amount. The food that was served was cold, meat was dry, fruit bowl

had a strange milky sauce, and food trays were not refilled often enough. They were going to charge an extra \$1,000 for coffee/tea but eventually backed down.

- b. The Nile Shrine Center would not allow LLAA to pick their own caterer.
- c. The cost of the luncheon was about \$6,500 more than last year and would have been a lot more money if Linda Strock had not negotiated the price down and agreed to substitute pork for the salmon entrée.
- d. The down payment to reserve the facility for the June 10th date was not deducted as a pre-payment in the final bill even though this had been done in previous years.
- e. The tables were not arranged as requested plus the requested overlays of black tablecloth over red tablecloths were not done.
- f. The sound system was poor/music too loud. Volunteers were not allowed to use their own sound system.
- g. Various other events were booked for the same day/time period which filled the parking lot and caused confusion at the front door so the LLAA volunteers at the front door and the volunteers doing the car shuttles had to help these other attendees.

ii. What do we do differently next year?

1. Jackie King intends to send a letter to Nile Shrine Center upper management which will itemize the issues and then meet with Nile Shrine Center upper management. She agreed that Navi's Catering Kitchen also needs to be told about numerous issues pertaining to not only the food but the service. She will report to the Board which has to decide soon if a different venue is necessary. Suzanne Lundquist reminded the Board that a reservation must be made soon because the various facilities book up quickly. Jackie King indicated that no more money should be given to Nile Shrine Center until the Board decides on a venue for next year. .
2. Setup an area where people can take photos possibly with memorabilia in the background similar to a photo booth.
3. Add another third shuttle from the parking lot.
4. Require a different caterer. Jackie King may talk with Barb Repanich '67 who is a caterer and may have suggestions.
5. If conversations with the Nile Shrine Center management are not satisfactory, find an alternate venue. Lynne Emmons suggested a conference center in Everett (possibly the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center which is part of Angel of the Winds Arena [click here](#)). She will look into this. Judy Roe suggested the Tulalip Casino. The location is probably too far north and some do not like being in a casino. Conference centers exist in Bellevue and Renton, for instance. McMenamin's Anderson School was also suggested however it may not have a large enough facility and the Ballard Elks is likewise not large enough. LHS does not have a big dining room. Though the gym is a possibility, liquor would not be allowed. We've been to the Lynnwood Conference Center before however had to serve sandwiches to keep the cost down.

- iii. Other comments or concerns:** Lynne Emmons suggested making the minimum bids on Silent Auction items higher.

G. KUDOS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED – IT'S ANOTHER ONE IN THE BAG!

VIII. Updating the By-Laws Jackie King summer project: stay tuned!

- IX. **Closing Remarks:** Lynne Emmons had questions about the membership expiration dates on the Deposit Number 470 and mentioned that some other recent Deposit Numbers likewise showed membership expiration dates that varied dramatically. Steve LaVergne explained he sometimes bases the new membership expiration date on their last membership expiration date and he sometimes calculates the expiration date using the date on the check but that he would review the membership expiration dates within this specific Deposit Number 470 to determine if any need correction(s).

SAVE THE DATES: NEXT BOARD MEETING AND TOTEM II DEADLINE

Board Meeting Saturday September 16th 10AM via ZOOM

Totem II Deadline for your class column is September 5th

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary