

**LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 19, 2020, 10 am (Virtual via ZOOM)
*Pending Approval***

Attendees (11): *President and Class Rep Liaison Jackie King '67, Vice President Suzanne Lundquist '63, Financial Secretary Steve LaVergne '60, Recording Secretary and Website Chair Judy Roe '64, Treasurer and '72 Class Rep Lynne Emmons, '62 Class Rep/All Class Luncheon Liaison/Database Chair Linda Ungar Strock, Member At Large and Paver Team Sandy Smith '57, '80 Class Rep and Nominating Committee Chair James Raptis, '73 Class Rep and Totem II Editor Monica Weber, '65 Class Rep Wayne Porter, '77 Class Rep Cheryl Brush. In accordance with the by-laws, there was a quorum of at least 10 Board members.*

I. Welcome!

II. Motion to Approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020

Motion to approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020 made by James Raptis seconded by Wayne Porter. PASSED

III. Reports

a. Class Rep Reports

1. **'72 Lynne Emmons** is seeking suggestions for a venue for hosting her class's 50th reunion. She hopes to talk with Monika Lirio '79 about the venue her class used for their last reunion.
2. **'62 Linda Strock** is focusing on getting through the 2021 All Class Luncheon
3. **'65 Wayne Porter** is trying to sync the data between the LLAA database and their database on www.ReunionDB.com. He asked for suggestions to get more membership signups. Various ideas were offered during the meeting such as phone calls and sending a card or hand written note. Several acknowledged emails are not as effective as more direct and individual contact.
4. **'73 Monica Weber** drummed up several memberships by buying them as gifts. Facebook has helped her gather information for the Totem II articles. She expressed appreciation for Ginny Munn '56 who "does a really good job of finding obituaries".
5. **'77 Cheryl Brush** is regularly reaching out to her classmates.
6. **'63 Suzanne Lundquist** attends ZOOM coffee hour every Saturday with classmates
7. **'80 James Raptis** has helped '57 Bev Washburn whose husband fell backward and had to be hospitalized. He plans to use Facebook to help him with his next Totem II article.

- b. Membership – Steve LaVergne and Jackie King** (historical note: May membership count was 1,274 'MBR' including the 61 'LF'). Jackie King was asked what is done to reach out to 'FRMR' and 'TMP' membership status classmates? She mentioned a postcard (8000 in 2019) is mailed prior to the 'All Class Luncheon' and it includes a membership/luncheon registration form with instructions. Also mass emails are sent several times a year.

Monica Weber expressed concern about removing email addresses after the email address fails delivery since 'MBR' may be blocked from logging in if the email address is removed--therefore we need to get the new email address especially for 'MBR' classmates prior to deletion.

1. Sent 59 emails and 25 letters for members with expiration date June-Sept
2. Switch Mbr to Frmr at end of September – this will initiate emails to Class Reps of their classmates whose dues recently expired.
3. September membership: 1,178

Jackie King is going to come up with a plan to find more class reps. It was proposed that one way to find class reps for classes with no class rep would be to call the classmates in that class with status of 'MBR' and then, in addition to providing ideas and encouragement, ask them to help.

- c. **Paver Committee – Sandy Smith and Suzanne Lundquist** indicated that paver engravings are completed for the year with the exception of two which need to be fixed. The minimum needed for the next order is 40 pavers. Quiring Monuments has been asked to provide a count of the number of available pavers. The ink on the pavers is fading and it is possibly related to the quality of the bricks. Sandy Smith suggested this next year should be the last year for selling these pavers.
- d. **Scholarship Donations – Judy Roe** reported that last year during August there were 17 donations but this year the total was down to 7 donations. In terms of the total count for the year surprisingly about the same number of donations came in 2019 as in 2020: 244 and 272. A member of the class of 1953 gave \$1000 during August. In total **dollars**, 2020 scholarship donations are down by about \$1000 in comparison to last year.
- e. **Totem II – Monica Weber and Jackie King**
 1. **Ideas for future issues:**
 - i. "Letter to the Editor" column that could provide all feedback, ideas, and concerns from alumni
 - ii. Class Rep column ideas: how are alumni dealing with the pandemic and its restrictions; articles regarding long-time high school friendships; articles about happy/unhappy memories from high school years (rave and rant comments)
 2. **Deadline** for the update from class reps is November 5th.
 3. **Counts** for the Fall Totem II are 994 printed copies and 240 electronic copies

4. **Printer issue** existed in the Fall newspaper with the heavy ink and incorrect hues on color pages. This also caused several color photos to smear and some pages stuck together. These problems resulted in receiving a credit towards next edition of the Totem II
- f. **Nominating Committee Chair – James Raptis** has two candidates for the October election: '63 Suzanne Lundquist Vice President and '71 Lynne Emmons for Treasurer. Reminder: they need to submit bio information to James Raptis prior to the election.
- g. **All Class Luncheon – Linda Strock** is not going to worry about it until after January 2021. Though the class of '65 offered several volunteers and *the '65 are welcome to help*, she wants all Board members to participate. Linda Strock thanked '65 Class Rep Wayne Porter for helping to find volunteers. Suzanne Lundquist has already started gathering things for the Silent Auction

IV. Motion to approve Shirley Palmer DeRousse as Class Rep for 1950

Motion to approve Shirley DeRousse Palmer as Class Rep for 1950 made by Cheryl Brush seconded by Linda Strock. PASSED.

V. Presentation of Financials - Lynne Emmons

a. Motion to Approve July 2020 Financials

Motion to approve July 2020 financials was made by Monica Weber and seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED. The bill from Quiring Monuments was paid. August financials are reconciled. She will mail them to the Board later this month. She asked what should be done if the classmate pays just \$15 for membership dues though membership dues increased to \$20 on July 1st? Jackie King reminded the Board that there was an approved motion in June: set the membership expiration date to 9 months duration if \$15 is paid for the membership dues after July 1st.

VI. Annual Business Meeting October 17, 2020 via Zoom

Agenda suggestions:

1. Presentation of financials & overall health of organization - Lynne Emmons
2. Update: All Class Luncheon - Linda Strock
3. Update on Pavers – Sandy Smith
4. Introduction of VP & Treasurer candidates
5. Voting for candidates (hand vote candidates to turn off video during vote?)
 - i. Hand vote to be conducted versus call for yea/nea vote
 - ii. Candidates will turn off video during vote for their office
6. Future LLAA projects in 2021
 - i. Planning for 2021 Graduating Seniors Scholarships
 - ii. Engaging future LHS graduates into LLAA
 - iii. Re-thinking and updating the LLAA By-Laws
 - iv. Roll out the Lincoln HS Alumni Hall of Fame

7. Other suggestions: Judy Roe mentioned these items

- i. roll call where attendees provide their class year, first name, last name
- ii. call for volunteers to fill available positions (classes with no class reps):
list orphan classes and provide brief job description including a co-rep option

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND NOTICE THE TIME:

**Annual Business Meeting *Saturday, October 17th at 12:30 PM*
via ZOOM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Armstrong Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary