



LINCOLN LYNX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday September 23, 2023, 10 am (ZOOM)

ATTENDEES (17): *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, All Class Luncheon Liaison, Database Chair Linda Strock '62; Class Rep, Scholarship Committee Chair Monika Lirio '79; Class Rep, Nominating Committee James Raptis '80; Class Rep Wally Green '60; Merchandise Co-Chair Jan Gerk '74; Merchandise Co-Chair Beverly Washburn '57; Class Rep Dixie Hughes '57; Class Co-Rep Erlinda Morton '76; Class Co-Rep Kevin Paylor '76; Class Rep Diane Cashman '68; Class Rep Wayne Porter '65; Member Sandy Smith '57.*
There was a quorum of at least 10 Board members.

I. Welcome

II. Changes to the Agenda?

III. Motion to Approve LLAA Board Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2023 made by Linda Strock seconded by Suzanne Lundquist. PASSED.

IV. Reports

A. Class Reps

- i. Retiring CR's: 1950 Shirley DeRouse Palmer & 1968 Diane Cashman.
- ii. James Raptis went to a Husky game with classmate John Jesse. Pre-season wrestling starts soon with over 30 students who have signed up.
- iii. Jan Gerk's class has started to plan their 50th reunion for next year.
- iv. Dixie Hughes attended the class of '57 picnic at Edmonds Park. About 30 attended. The microphone made a big difference in being able to hear each person introduce themselves.
- v. Erlinda Morton indicated her husband has COVID.
- vi. Monika Lirio reported she and Jeff Taylor attended the Montana wedding of Jeff's son.
- vii. Wally Green's class lost their 'keeper of beyond the reef', Jay Newkirk '60, who passed away.
- viii. Jackie King announced the class of '69 is having a no-host reunion (classes of 1967 thru 1971 are invited) at **RAZZIS PIZZERIA** on October 8th ([click here for details](#)).
- ix. Suzanne Lundquist came down with COVID while on vacation. She was not able to attend her class's September 9th picnic reunion. It was well attended. James Smith and Clint Worthington have passed away recently.
- x. Diane Cashman is retiring from work and her class rep position. She has been seeking volunteers for her CR position and for planning another '68 class reunion. During retirement she plans to travel. May move to Vienna, Austria for a year.
- xi. Wayne Porter had a rough summer due to various health issues.
- xii. Lynne Emmons could not attend today's meeting. She is participating in the Susan G. Komen breast cancer walk. Her sister and daughter have been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- xiii. Verna Rossevelt could not attend today's meeting. She had to move to a hotel because a tree squished the sewer pipes at her apartment. All had to move out of the apartment.
- xiv. Monica Weber is working on the next issue of the Totem II. Unfortunately her computer needs to go to the repair shop. She has also been baby-sitting her grandchildren.

B. Membership

- i. **Steve LaVergne current members + LF:** the recent counts of 938 members and 45 lifers reflect a steep decline.
 - ii. **Changed 'MBR' to 'Frmr' membership type for expired membership as of 8/31 ('Frmr' will not get Totem II issues)** Jackie King reminded the class reps to follow up with the alumni who were recently switched to 'Frmr' to ask them to renew their membership.
 - iii. **New 2023 graduates (who signed up and supplied email address/addresses/phone) were given 'Free' membership = total of 155** Jackie King entered the data from the sign-up sheets that the graduates had submitted to LLAA.
- C. **Scholarship Donations – Judy Roe** indicated scholarship donations are down. For example, there were zero donations during August. The total donations June through August was \$1,162.

V. Scholarships – Monika Lirio

A. 2024 Scholarship Application & Guidelines update discussion

- i. **SAT/ACT score requirements?** Monika Lirio and Monica Weber expressed support for retaining the requirement. Several had doubts and suggested the SAT/ACT score should be optional. After an extensive discussion, the consensus was to keep the SAT/ACT score requirement.
- ii. **Other suggestions/changes/comments?** Jackie King commented that making the SAT/ACT score optional could in future years be tried for just one year to see if the number of applicants increases. She also commented that photos should not be attached to the scholarship application during the review process. Monica Weber said that the Scholarship Committee could separate the photos from the applications prior to the review of the applications.

VI. All Class Luncheon – Jackie King, Linda Strock, and Suzanne Lundquist

A. Summary/outcome of conversation with Navi's Catering re: 2023 Luncheon – Jackie

Letters were sent to Navi's and the Nile Shrine Center. All the problems (poor quality of food, inadequate quantity of food, overbooking the facility, greatly increasing the price during the week before the luncheon, changing the contact people at the last minute, and so forth) were listed and a refund of \$3,480.75 was requested. Michelle from Navi's apologized and offered to give a credit towards the cost of the caterer for 2024. There was no response from the Nile Shrine Center. LLAA lost \$3,439 on the 2023 luncheon in total. The silent auction brought in \$2,800 and merchandise sales were \$1,241. These funds go to the Scholarship Fund and do not apply against the luncheon loss.

- B. **Update of current communications with Navi's & the Nile – Linda & Suzanne** have not had the opportunity to talk with either of them yet.

- C. **Discussion & decision on options for June 2024** Linda Strock has reserved the room at the Nile Shrine Center for June 8, 2024 but no deposit has been paid. Suzanne Lundquist suggested finding an alternative to the silent auction which requires renting a separate space for \$250. Putting it together requires a lot of work. Only Board members have contributed items. Often the items do not earn face value. No one bids on the bigger items. She recommended adding \$10 to the price with the explanation that the \$10 is for a scholarship donation. Sandy Smith was worried the extra \$10 would lower attendance considerably. Monica Weber suggested a raffle which she had seen successfully held at a Lions Club. Several alternate venues were suggested: Edmonds Yacht Club (up to 200 people) and Lynnwood Convention Center. Likewise there were ideas about changing the menu so salmon especially is no longer requested: finger food instead of entree, spaghetti and meatballs, etc. Wayne Porter emphasized that prices have gone up so much that the menu must change in order to keep the price down.

- VII. **Totem II Update – Monica Weber** is working on the next issue which will come out in early November.
- VIII. **New Website Hosting – Jackie King and Judy Roe** (see attached list of finalists [click here](#))
- A. **Problem (by Jackie King):** Handmade Designs (current website provider) gave us until Nov. 6 to find another website provider to host our website & transfer our domain registration.
- B. **Challenge (by Jackie King):** With limited resources (and no help from HMD) our fearless Website Chair sprang into action. Using her previous Boeing job skills and what she has taught/or figured out herself, Judy determined our website hosting needs and best options, whittling it down to the top three (we don't count our current website hosting service, GoDaddy. She talked to over 20 vendors. After getting agreement the Executive Committee (we're under the gun here, folks...no time to waste), she forged ahead with her top selection of AccuWeb Hosting (which has now transferred our domain registration of lincolnhighlynx.org to AccuWeb Hosting).
- C. **What happens now – Judy Roe**
The plan is to back up the LLAA website, order the website migration from AccuWeb, migrate the website, bring down the LLAA administration web pages (during testing), test in the new environment, request help from HMD as needed, retest, and communicate results. Since lead time for fixing issues could not be predicted, an exact timeline was not provided. AccuWeb allows 7 days of testing otherwise the 'refund policy' is lost. Testers include Wally Green and Jackie King.
Motion to Approve migrating LLAA website to [AccuWeb Hosting](#) made by Jackie King seconded by Wally Green. PASSED
- IX. **Annual Business Meeting**
- A. **In person, Saturday, October 21st, 10 am, Northgate Public Library**
- B. **Election of President – Candidate (will need ballots)** Jackie King wishes to step away from being LLAA President and move to a support role. Monica Weber may run for president. James Raptis offered to make the ballots.
- C. **Coffee, water, treats?** Jackie King will ask Barb Repanich if she would supply treats. Monika Lirio also offered to bring treats. Suzanne Lundquist will bring 2 boxes of coffee, creamers, sugar, napkins from Starbucks.
- D. **Any other retiring positions on the Board?**
- E. **What do you want to cover at the meeting?**
- X. **Presentation of 2023 Financial Reports – Lynne Emmons (not present)** Jackie King indicated that during August there was merely \$80 in dues payments, which is the lowest she has ever seen in monthly dues. August net income was negative (\$230.19). January through August net income negative (\$4,175.95). LLAA lost \$3,439 at the All-Class Luncheon. Trying to recoup the loss by requesting a \$3,480.75 refund from Navi's Catering Kitchen.
Motion to Approve June thru August 2023 Financial Reports made by Linda Strock seconded by James Raptis. PASSED.
- XI. **Updating the By-Laws - Jackie King: delayed until spring '24**
- XII. **Closing Remarks** There were questions about the merchandise sales for 2023. Bev Washburn was unable (due to illness) to sell merchandise at her class's reunion. Jan Gerck acknowledged that she needs to reach out more and contact class reps. Jan is seeking to participate more in the events/reunions and sell LLAA merchandise.

SAVE THE DATE FOR Annual Business Meeting (notice the location change):

Saturday October 21 at 10AM

Northgate Public Library (10548 5th Ave NE, Seattle, WA)

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Roe '64, LLAA Recording Secretary