

R.A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting
May 26, 2009
R.A. Long High School
Room # 115
Longview, WA 98632

Board Members in Attendance: Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Dyarle Sharkey (1961), Arlene Hall (1950), Bob Stack (1961), Helen Whitcomb (1943), Maureen Parsons (1961), Dee Whyte (1960)

Board Members Absent: Bert Karnofski, Kim Walters. Lonnie Knowles, Jade Casio

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05pm by Doug O'Connor

Treasurers Report: No new memberships.

Checking Balance: \$1,561.99

Balance of Certificate #18: \$1,199.54

Booster Club Reader Board Balance #19: balance: -0-

Balance of Certificate #20: \$2,283.57

TOTAL: \$5,045.10

Main Stage Fundraising Money:

Old Business:

- [1] Doug will talk to the Ty Morris about a tour of the school the last Tuesday in August, since the Principal has resigned effective July 1.
- [2] The '1976 Picture' it was unanimous that the board feels it is not worth doing with it, in so far as reframing. It needs to be left up to the school to decide what they are going to do with it.
- [3] Go 4th – Helene brought the work sign up sheet, the check off list, the merchandise price list and the raffle information. We will give the same merchandise away for the raffle Darcie had the name of a member of the class of 1989 who would be interested in working a shift in the booth, Doug indicated that Diane Gregg said to call her that she might be able to work a shift also, Helene will contact both of those people. Helene will contact Kim to see if she will be able to get the balloons again this year. Mike checked on the cost to replace our current enclosed canopy because it has some small pin holes in it and leaked last year. He found that it will cost us about \$500 to replace it and recommends that we use it again this year and pray for no rain. This will give us more time to investigate other options to replace and maybe we will find one on sale somewhere, the size of our current one is 10 X 12.
- [4] Merchandise – Maureen thought Bert was going to be here to discuss the possibility of making some changes to the our current merchandise. After discussion it was decided that we should wait to purchase more merchandise because we are short of funds right now. We will leave the pricing the same as it was last year.
- [5] Class reunions - Currently we know about the following reunions:
Class of 1964 - 1st of August

Class of 1969 - 28th & 29th of August

Old Business (cont.):

Class of 1979 - 1st of August

Class of 1984 - 18th of July

Class of 1989 - 11th of July

- [6] Credit Card information from Darcie, she will be getting the contract information and will be able to bring it to the next meeting. There will be some training information along with it so that it can be used during the Go 4th and the reunions.

New Business:

- [1] Baseball T-shirts: Doug got a call before he left for vacation asking if we wanted to pay to put advertisement on the T-shirts the baseball team is going to order to sell, at a cost of \$350.00 Would we rather just donate money to the baseball team. Doug pointed out that they should have already placed the order, which makes it a mute point. Dee brought up the fact that the baseball team should have submitted a grant request. Doug indicated that he was contacted by a salesman for the T-shirt company and not the baseball team.
- [2] A physical therapist, who is utilized by all of the sports teams, and has been employed by the school district will be reduced to a half time position next year. A physical therapy group and some doctors are willing to cover the other half of her contract which is in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. Since we approved that we would be the source for people giving money for the drama group going to Scotland and be their checking account. The group that would be funding this physical therapist is requesting that they donate \$10,000.00 to the Alumni Association and we intern would write a check to either the Longview School District or R.A. Long High School for the \$10,000.00 in support of the ASB. Which ever one we would be writing the check to would be responsible for issuing the payroll check to pay the physical therapist. It is a clean way for the group to donate money to the school that would be a tax deduction. The school is aware of all of this and would like us to do it. We presume that the money will come in and be out of our hands by the end of this physical year. Doug will talk to Dr. Bruce Blackstone and make it clear that we want the whole \$10,000.00 by the end of August and don't want it trickling in at \$500 or \$1000 at a time. The board voted unanimously to approve doing this per our conditions.

Adjournment: 8:15 pm by Doug O'Connor, President

Next meeting: June 30, 2009

Place: Doug O'Connor's residence
1424 Kessler Blvd.

Respectfully submitted by,
M. Helene Watson, Secretary
R.A. Long Alumni Association