

# R.A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting  
October 27, 2009  
R. A. Long High School  
Classroom 115

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Arlene Hall (1950), Dee Whyte (1960), Helene Watson (1961), Bob Stack (1961), Helen Whitcomb (1947) and Darrin Dollemore (school liason)

**Board Members Absent:** Dee Whyte (1960)

**Guests:** Gary Adair (1963), Mardi Allright (1964) and Rich Reeves (1986) Principal of R.A. Long High School

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 pm by Doug O'Connor

## **Treasurers Report:**

Checking Balance: \$5,218.69  
Balance of Certificate #18: \$1,215.25  
Balance of Certificate #20: \$2,308.89  
**TOTAL: \$8,742.83**

## **New Business:**

- [1] New Principal Rich Reeves gave a brief history of his teaching career and the fact that he was asked to apply for the principal position. He discussed what his plans are for the school. He feels that RAL has gotten a bad rap and wants to change that perception. The drop out rate for the school and the formula used to figure the percentage and he feels is not accurate and wants to change that. He has discovered that many of the students have some rather unusual responsibilities away from school, he has plans to put into place some programs to work with these students to help them stay in school. He brought up the senior project and how he is personally mentoring and counseling five students, 2 who plan to become nurses, one wants to be a marine biologist and two who want to have careers in the military. Educating the public on what part the school has played in the history of Longview is one of his goals.
- [2] Doug reported that Mike and Darcie sent out a mailing and renewal letter to members.

## **Old Business:**

- [1] 501 C3; The discussion as to whether we should be taking in money for other groups towards projects that we are not currently involved. Taking in money towards actual school projects whether we are actually involved or not isn't a problem, according to our accountant Dan Rua. When Doug asked him about our accepting \$10,000 from a group of local physicians asking if we would issue a check to the school district towards payment of the salary for a physical trainer for the sports department, he nearly he nearly choked. In the meantime Ty Morris delivered a letter to Doug from the school district refusing the check. The letter indicated that the school district

could not receive a donation of \$10,000 or more that dictates where the money is to be spent. The school district policy will not allow one high school to receive funds for something that the other high school does not receive. In the future our treasurer will help any future group to open a special account for their project.

- [2] Maureen indicated that our inventory of hats is very low, if we plan to sell hats at the Hall of Fame, we might not have enough. She asked if we need to order hats now. If so, what color of hats should we order for our next order. Bert recommended a black hat with a red bill. The consensus was that we should place an order for 18 black hats with Bert tonight. Darcie indicated that the reason the Gallery of Diamonds may have gotten requests could be due to the letter sent out with the renewals, which listed the jewelry store as a location to buy merchandise.
- [3] Doug reminded everyone that the Hall of Fame induction will be on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium. Since there is no basketball game at home that night it was suggested that the Alumni Association might be able to set up a table of merchandise in the cafeteria during the refreshment period after the presentation. Darrin will check on this for the association.
- [4] Our next meeting will probably be more of a planning meeting towards getting ready for the Hall of Fame induction on December 6<sup>th</sup>. At this time Rich Reeves asked if we planned to set up a table at the home game coming up on Friday night October 30<sup>th</sup>. Doug indicated that in the past we were told that we could not set up a table inside the gate.
- [5] Helene will update the application form, since some of them do not list the post office box, and will deliver some to Rich.

Adjournment: 7:40 pm by Doug O'Connor, President  
Next Board meeting: November 24, 2009  
Place: Darrin Dollemore's classroom 115

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