

# **ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting**

**Held at 7:00pm Monday November 19, 2012**

**In the EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road in Esquimalt**

The school was opened at 6:15pm with refreshments available to attendees. A jazz combo from the school's Music Program entertained from 6:30pm. There were displays of photos from the Reunion in May as well as binder showing the history of schools in the Esquimalt area since the late 1800's. School scarves were available for purchase along with Smile Cards from Thrifty's Foods.

**1 Call to Order:** Moderator, Gary Moser called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He explained only members of the EHS Alumni Association were able to vote on motions. There were 38 people in attendance including 4 non-members of the Association. Gary thanked the student musicians from the Jazz Program and their teacher Mr. Parker Jolliffe for the enjoyable entertainment.

**2 Welcome to the School:** Mr. Carter Geisbrecht, one of the school's vice principals welcomed the Alumni Association to the school and thanked the Alumni for their continued support for the students and various programs at the school. Specifically he pointed to the recent purchase of 5 sections of choir risers which were displayed on the stage. This was a joint venture of the Alumni and the school PAC.

**3 Approval of Agenda:** Gary Moser asked for a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Moved: Paul Wickens, Seconded: Bryan Mee. Carried

**4 Approval of Minutes of 2011 AGM:** Gary asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2011 AGM as circulated. Moved: Barry Scott, Seconded: Cathy Praud. Carried

**5 Scholarship Recipients 2012:** Gary introduced the two Alumni Scholarship winners who each received a cheque for \$750.00 at the October Scholarship Evening. Christiana Moser and Deidre Farrington are both attending UVIC this Fall. The resumes shared with the audience indicated they were both outstanding student at the school as well as in our community. Both young ladies have also been given membership into the Alumni Association. Congratulation and best wishes to Christiana and Deidre.

**6 Presentation for Upgrade to EHS Track:** Tom Woods, a former student at EHS and well known community member involved in rugby presented an idea for upgrading the school track and main field. The plan would be centered with a Rugby Academy for the school. Partnerships between the School, the School District, the Esquimalt Municipality, the Provincial Government and Seaspan (community business) would provide the nucleus of the plan. As it is the school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 this idea would be targeting this major event as the culmination of the proposal. The audience was most receptive to Tom's presentation and look forward to hearing more in the New Year.

**7 President's Report:** In the absence of President Wes Umphrey, Dave Allen gave the report. He began by thanking Wes for his leadership and hard work over the past year. Highlights from Wes's report included:

- Wes thanked all the Alumni members who assisted with and participated in the very successful Reunion held May 25 and 26. Approximately 770 people attended the two day event.
- Wes mentioned we will be planning an even bigger Reunion in the Spring of 2015 for the school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- The association continues to update the school's archives. If any former students or staff members have items to donate to the archives Wes asked that they contact him.
- The school PAC is involved with the Smile Card fundraiser through Thrifty Foods. Any Alumni Member can help by picking up a Smile Card. Contact Wes, Dave or the school office to pick one up.
- Wes thanked the members of the Alumni Executive for their support and hard work this past year.

**8 Treasurer's Report:** Bill Emery assisted by Paul Wickens presented the Treasurer's report using a power point. Bill first reviewed the 2011/12 financial statement. The opening balance showed \$2129.95. The revenue for the year was \$1513.40 and the expenses were \$1976.75 leaving a balance of \$1666.60 as of Sept. 30, 2012. He then read the auditor's report from Barry Scott, which stated 'that after reviewing the books and related materials the financial statement accurately represents the business of the Alumni Association for the year ending Sept. 30, 2012'. Bill then presented the budget for 2012/13 which showed the anticipated revenue of \$1600.00 and expenses of \$1340.00 leaving a balance of \$1926.60 at Sept. 30, 2013. Bill then presented 5 motions:

- The Sept. 30, 2012 Financial Statement be received and recorded in the minutes. Moved: Bill Emery, Seconded: Art Gamble. Carried
- The financial review and audit reported by Barry Scott be accepted. Moved: Bill Emery, Seconded: Barb Jones. Carried
- The proposed Budget for the Alumni Association for the year 2012-2013 be approved. Moved: Bill Emery, Seconded: Gary Moser. Carried
- The society appoints Art Gamble as auditor for 2012-2013 fiscal year. Moved: Bill Emery, Seconded: Yvonne Leach. Carried
- The society approves the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as signing officers ( any 2 of 4 signatures required) of the society and the society continue to use Coast Capital Savings for banking. Moved: Bill Emery, Seconded: Bryan Mee. Carried

**9 Director Reports: Membership** - Dave reported for Myrna Bennett. We have 553 active members of which 22 whose correct addresses need to be tracked down as they have moved and not informed us. Also as our Association moves forward unfortunately, some of our members have passed away. Since we started seven years ago, 43 members are no longer on our active role.

**Fundraising** - Dave reported that the executive had agreed that there would be only one fundraising activity this year. A form was sent to each member with the AGM package asking for donations to the Scholarship Fund. We hope to surpass \$22,000 in the Fund this year. As a result we can continue to award 2 scholarships annually of \$750.

**Spring Tea & Concert** - Dave reported for Wes that in May we hope to do another concert with students from the School's Music Program. Please watch for more information about this in late March.

**10 Election of Officers:** Bryan Mee presented the following members for positions on the board:

- Secretary - John Carmichael
- Director of Reunions - Cathy Praud
- Director at Large - George Copley
- Director at Large - Barry Scott

After requesting 3 times for other nominations these people were declared elected by acclamation.

The following motion to fill the remaining two positions on the board was put forward. The board is to look for members to fill the positions of Director of Heritage, and Director at Large. Moved: Paul Wickens, Seconded: Bill Emery. Carried

**11 Closing Remarks:** Gary thanked the members for attending the AGM and reminded members that we have second meeting after the close of this meeting. That is the AGM for EHS Advancement of Education Funding Society. He encouraged Alumni members to attend the Alumni Classic Basketball Tournament Friday, Nov. 30 at 6:30pm in the school gym. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.