



KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KSSAA

2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
12:00 noon, 20 September 2014
Ceili's Irish Pub, 1774 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

MINUTES

Present: KSSAA Officers
Garth Wheeler '59 – President & Treasurer
Arthur Bates '48 – Past President
David Angel '55 – Vice President
Kersti Krug '61 – Secretary

Directors
Judith Bowers '59
Ian (Bud) MacKenzie '48

KSSAA Members
Shiela Wheeler '59
Marie (Goldney) Cherkezoff '50

Guests
Alex Cherkezoff

Regrets:

Chris Atkinson, KSSAA Director, and District Principal of the Vancouver School Board (VSB)
John Braithwaite '48
Ellen Roberts, KSSAA Director, and Principal of Kitsilano Secondary School

AGENDA:

1. Welcome

The agenda began with the President's welcome of members to this second AGM of KSSAA, and the acceptance of a quorum.

2. Adoption of Minutes of 1 June 2013 AGM meeting:

Judith Bowers moved, and David Angel seconded, adoption of the minutes; motion carried.

3. President's Report

In his report, Garth Wheeler described the recent activities of the Alumni Association, including our first successful pub night fundraiser at Ceili's Irish Pub, involvements in such community events as the 4th Avenue Festival and Greek Days on Broadway, which brought in noteworthy memberships and donations. As well, this year, the Principal invited him and Secretary Kersti Krug to the school's graduation ceremonies at the Orpheum Theatre where they were able to participate in this important event, as well as hand out some noteworthy awards to various students.

In looking toward future activities, he highlighted the building upgrades occurring at Kitsilano Secondary School which would open in 2017, the same year as its 100th anniversary. This offers major opportunities to KSSAA to involve students, parents, alumni, and the whole community to contribute activities and funds to support students and the school.

4. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Garth Wheeler, reported that KSSAA's current bank balance is \$721. He also noted that over this past year, KSSAA was able to pay back two loans made by two Directors totaling \$1,000, while still manage to cover operating costs.

He then turned to the progress made regarding the Kitsilano Commemorative Cavalcade Fund. The fund was launched in 2008. By 31 May 2013, there was \$39,852 in the fund, with \$9,898 added between May 2013 and July 2014, for a current total of \$49,750. Since its 2008 beginning, the fund, which is managed by the Vancouver Foundation, earned \$6,000. Also since its beginning, the fund has paid out \$5,912 to a total of 8 scholarship winners. This year, the fund was able to support 3 students, one of which was Student Director, Ephraim Chan, who had contributed actively and effectively to the work of KSSAA, including bringing in 186 student members from his 2014 class.

5. Election of the Board of Directors

As Nominating Chair, Garth Wheeler began by listing the individuals currently nominated for the Board and those willing to stand:

Officers:	President	Judith Bowers '59
	Vice President	David Angel '55
	Secretary	Kersti Krug '61
	Treasurer	Garth Wheeler '59
Directors:	Chris Atkinson, VSB District Principal	
	John Braithwaite '48	
	Ian (Bud) MacKenzie '48	
	Ellen Roberts, Principal	
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He then called three times for nominations from the floor. As none came forward, he acclaimed the above list for the coming two years.

6. Other Business

Other business emphasized the value of seeking donations not only for scholarships, but for buildings and other physically visible entities. Another need would be to fundraise for books, given the increasingly high cost of student text books. It was also pointed out that in this neighborhood of Vancouver, we don't notice student poverty, suggesting that we meet with Chris Atkinson and Ellen Roberts to broaden our support in this area.

At this point, the three principal purposes of KSSAA were emphasized: not only to raise scholarship funds, but to support the school and community, as well as encourage fellowships via communication and events to develop a dynamic alumni association. The outgoing first Past President and Director, Art Bates, suggested that the new board spread out to cover these three purposes.

At the end of these discussions, the new President, Judith Bowers thanked the board members, including making a motion, seconded by David Angel, that Art Bates to remain in touch, perhaps as a Director Emeritus. Motion carried unanimously. She then thanked Garth Wheeler for his role this past year to make progress for KSSAA. She herself offered three objectives: first, to simplify the governance of meetings; second, to keep growing the fund and divert funds to go to priority activities; and third, to begin planning now for the school's 2017 event. On this last point, she volunteered to communicate with McGee Secondary School whose alumni were contributing very successfully.

7. Adjournment

At 1:30, David Angel moved, and Shiela Wheeler seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.