



Kitsilano Secondary School Alumni Association (KSSAA)

5th Annual General Meeting

12:00 pm, Saturday, November 4, 2017

Multi-Purpose Room, Kitsilano Community Centre

MINUTES

Present: KSSAA Officers

David Angel '55, President
Colleen (MacKenzie) Garbe '74, Vice President
Amyl Khimji '83, Treasurer
Kersti Krug '61, Secretary

Directors

Samantha Kerr, Student Director

Members

Laura McDiarmid '66
Dave Pym '59
Wendy Trigg '63
Mary Wierzejski '78

1. Welcome and acceptance of quorum

At 12:10, President David Angel opened the meeting by welcoming members to the 5th AGM of KSSAA.

2. President's report

Angel summarized the progress made by KSSAA over its five years, including getting its website up, working closer together with PAC, and looking forward to raising more funds during the school's 100 year anniversary to be celebrated on May 11th and 12th, 2018.

More importantly, he noted, that there are more issues facing KSSAA in its 5th year, including a significant drop in fundraising, lack of directors from the Kitsilano community, and a shortness of individuals with expertise in fundraising.

Five years ago, when former Principal Chris Atkinson launched KSSAA, many alumni from the 40s and 50s contributed significant money to build the scholarship fund. But this energy has dissipated over the years, and so a second stage needs to be launched to ensure that the scholarship fund available for graduating students is more adequate to support the high costs of universities and other advanced training and educational opportunities for these students.

3. Treasurer's report

Amyl Khimji who took over as KSSAA's Treasurer from Garth Wheeler who stepped down as both Treasurer and Director, reported that the Commemorative Cavalcade Fund had risen from \$66,084.11 in September of 2016 to \$68,105.61 in September of 2017, representing a \$2,021.50 increase over the year. The contributed capital portion of the scholarship fund available for students went from a balance of \$5,406.62 to \$4,218.12 representing a decrease of \$1,188.50 over the year, in part because of the timing of payouts. The market value of the fund increased from \$73,535.79 to \$78,749.03, or 7.1%, over the previous year given the Vancouver Foundation's management of the moneys.

With net revenues from memberships at \$123.14 and total expenses of \$151.51, KSSAA faced a deficit of \$28.37. Currently, there is \$250.41 in the bank for supporting expenses.

4. Discussion of fundraising ideas

As more active connections to lively websites such as Facebook would aid the visibility of KSSAA, Dave Pym offered to help develop such a stronger internet presence by asking one of his experienced employees to link KSSAA's site to Facebook sites.

Also, ideas were put forth on KSSAA getting more closely involved in class reunions. It was suggested that doing so during the centennial celebration would be highly valuable. Using lotteries to raise more money was recommended, with Pym again offering to investigate such procedures to lower risk. As well, tailoring fundraising to cultural groups was also recommended as highly effective.

5. Nominations for Director

Both Laura McDiarmid and Dave Pym were asked to become Directors. Both agreed and were supported by the whole board.

Wendy Trigg and Mary Wierzejski offered to volunteer, particularly on activities arranged for the centennial events.

6. Election of Board of Directors

Krug moved and Garbe seconded the acceptance of the new Board of Directors, including the new Officer:

Returning Directors:

David Angel, President

Ranjit Bains, Principal of KSS

Art Bates, Director Emeritus

Norma Biln, PAC

John Braithwaite, Director

Colleen Garbe, Vice President

Samantha Kerr, Student Director (selected annually by the school)

Kersti Krug, Secretary

New Officer: Aryn Khimji, Treasurer

New Directors:

Laura McDiarmid

Dave Pym

The board unanimously approved both the list of Directors and new Officer.

The board then approved Kersti Krug and Aryn Khimji as signing officers on behalf of KSSAA.

7. Discussion of frequency of Directors' meetings

Angel suggested that past meetings, which often occurred monthly, were unnecessarily frequent, and would make attracting younger directors even more difficult. Before the centennial events, every 2 months would be necessary, but after that, perhaps quarterly.

8. Other business

At this stage, the board offered warm appreciation to Garth Wheeler who had looked after all financial matters since the beginning of KSSAA, doing so efficiently, effectively, and with positive relations with the Vancouver Foundation, the school, the bank, and members.

9. Adjournment

At 1:15, Angel adjourned the meeting.