

Minutes of the BSSAA General Membership Meeting on 2002 01 30

In attendance: Ruth Scherer Jeanette Wilson Peter Weldon
Michael Robinson Cheryl Anderson John Giroux
Judy Adamczyk Valerie Carver Teresa Kobos
Linda Kelly Rich Gaskin Jen Prouse
Lorne Wallace Gord Macfarlane Randy Freer
Carolyn Sherar Alana Travers Nicole McReavy

Start time: 7:00 p.m. End time: 8:30 p.m.

Discussed: "Bramalea 2003" reunion different options (dinner/dance on a Sat. night at International Centre; large picnic at Chinguacousy Park on a Sat.)

Discussed: Dinner/dance at International Centre on a Saturday night. Approximate cost \$25,000.00 including a three course dinner, all tables, tableware, linens, two bottles of wine per table (8 people/table) and all necessary personnel, but excluding disc jockey and decorations. This is based on a minimum 5,000 participants, giving us two rooms at the International Centre (to hold approximately 8,000 people but can add one more room if needed, at no extra cost to accommodate a maximum of 11,000 participants). Approximate cost per person to be around \$45.00, which would include extras such as shuttle buses to nearby airport hotels and possibly discount rates at these hotels. International Centre requires a deposit of 10% to book the date requested, then 40% down within three months of the date of the function.

Discussed: Picnic at Chinguacousy Park. Approximate cost less than \$3,000.00 to rent the areas of the park we would need (most of it) and tents. To rent the curling club as well would be an additional cost (we think). We would need to get a caterer and possibly a liquor license. At the park we could have a myriad of activities that would incorporate children as well as alumni.

Accomplished: Vote on preferred option; majority in favour of dinner/dance at International Centre on Saturday night, with family-oriented activities at BSS during the day Saturday and possibly Sunday as well as a welcome/registration at the school Friday night.

Discussed: Date for "Bramalea 2003" reunion. A summer date may make it easier for some alumni from far away to attend, but an autumn date, like the 25th reunion, has a better chance of not catching local as well as distant alumni on holidays and out of town.

Accomplished: Vote on preferred date; majority in favour of Friday, September 12, 2003 to Sunday, September 14, 2003, with the main event dinner/dance being held on Saturday, September 13, 2003.

Discussed: Creation of an incorporated, not-for-profit or for-profit group in order to legitimize our mandate of providing a legacy for BSS as well as to more easily get corporate sponsors to assist with the cost of the "Bramalea 2003" reunion. This would require a name, Executive, Constitution, By-Laws and Business Plan.

Accomplished: Bramalea Secondary School Alumni Foundation created, after some discussion of name Bramalea Secondary School Alumni Association. Executive established: President - Ruth Scherer, Vice-President - Judy Adamczyk, Treasurer - Nicole McReavy, Secretary - Jeanette Wilson. Some Directors established: Image, Creative Design and Marketing - Jen Prouse, Rules of Order, By-Laws and Policies - Michael Robinson, Financial Auditor - Lorne Wallace

Action: Michael Robinson to draft our Constitution and present it at Executive meeting on Feb. 13, 2002.

Action: Ruth Scherer to get written estimate from International Centre for dinner/dance.

Next General Membership meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2002, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at BSS Staff Room