

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION
AGM MEETING
October 28 2020
1:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was held over Zoom as we could not meet in person because of covid. There were 24 people in attendance overall.

Chair: Kathy Dupuis/Susan McLelland

Secretary: Lyn Medler

1.0 WELCOME

Kathy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending via Zoom. She then explained the purpose of the meeting.

- Elect officers for the next year
- Approve the 2020 budget
- Review committee reports
- Consider any by-law changes if there were any

Kathy then introduced the Retiree Association executive to the members.

Kathy congratulated John Fairley on the \$95,000+ donation to Hospice from the college.

2.0 AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Ken Garber

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES of May 1, 2019

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Pat Hallahan

Seconded: Bill Totten

CARRIED

4.0 COLLEGE UPDATE – John Fairley

John told the group that he appreciates the opportunity to be the liaison with the RA and the college and enjoys attending the meetings once a month.

SPORTSPLEX

The offer of the Sportsplex as a field hospital for treating covid patients, was the first school to do so in Canada. It is now set up to do covid testing and will be used as a medical facility until the end of April. All athletics are postponed until next year as the OCAA has closed everything down. However, the teams are still practicing (wearing masks) in the classic gym.

SPORTSPARK

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, November 17th and a link will be available via live stream with a link being sent out. For the most part there will be no activity in the park because of covid,

however, the Zekelman tennis courts WILL open for students as tennis is an approved sport by the province.

MISCELLANEOUS COLLEGE GROUNDS

Some of the parking lots have been improved or changed and there are a few new parking areas. The college erected a new fence behind all of the houses that back onto the east side of the college property. This extends from Cabana to the front of the college.

The Zekelman Business Centre, above the current student centre, is currently under construction.

STUDENT ENROLMENT STATS

Currently 13,885 full time students which is an 8% increase from last year. Enrolment budgeted for this year, are only down 3% for domestic students (currently 200 increase)

The breakdown of where students are attending, is as follows:

2668 downtown

7295 south campus

1223 Chatham

2699 ACE Acumen (two Toronto campuses)

International students are mainly from: India, China, Nigeria, Vietnam and South Korea

1st year students are from:

54% Windsor/Essex

5.5% Chatham

9.5% Ontario

.1% rest of Canada

30% international

Compared to all other colleges, only 4 other colleges who increased total enrolment over last year. Some colleges are down up to 21%

Also, Demographics of 1st year students: 50% of first year students are female and 43% are male.

Enrolment increases an average of 7.7% year over year.

COVID

Since the beginning of the semester, there have been 2 students who contracted covid and the college dealt with it very well. There are many safeguards in place to ensure the safety of staff and students at the college, including a protocol at the entrances to screen anyone coming into the building.

Questions from the group:

Jay Ertel asked if the Chatham Healthplex will also be used as a medical facility until the end of April.

John answered that it was only the Windsor Sportsplex, at this time.

Tony asked if anyone could attend the Sportspark ribbon cutting.

John said, sorry, only a few people can attend and it is mostly a media event.

Bill told John to thank Mike Sorrell for all of his assistance.

Lyn asked if the pool would be reopening soon

John answered that they are working with the health units on the best way to open it to the public.

Kathy let John know how much we appreciate being a part of the college, especially at this time with the pandemic. That the college seems to be ahead of the game when it comes to safety measures and taking care of staff and students in the safest and fairest means possible.

John in turn gave credit to Patti as she is working diligently and productively with all of the partners from municipal to provincial government and the health units.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kathy Dupuis

Currently the RA has 311 paid members.

Kathy told the group that, as John pointed out, the landscape at the college has changed quite a lot with the new fence, the Sportspark and some new parking areas.

Kathy thanked the executive for keeping the association moving forward, even during covid, and for keeping members informed and involved.

She then specifically thanked Ida Totten for assisting Bill with the mailings out of the 500+ newsletters.

She thanked Tony for his work on the Newsletter and the Social Committee of Mimi McPhedran and Pat Taylor for their creative ways of reaching out to members, ie the photo contest.

She ended by saying how fortunate we are that Patti and John have stuck with us through the months of the pandemic and help out where they can and a special thank you to Dan Rorai for his assistance in retrieving materials from the college and delivering them to Bill Totten's home for the mailings.

6.0 MEMORIALS – Moment of Silence – Sue McLelland

Sue read the names of those retirees who have passed from June 2019 to June 2020, as follows:

Anne Lennie

Bernice LuQui

Don Roberts

Douglas Warford

Fran Murphy

George Hawley

Jeanne Ransome

JoAn Dale

Justin Kazakevicius

Mary McEachran

Richard Lumb

Richard Girard

Roy Giroux

Virginia Janisse

7.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT – Bob Braidford

Bob let the folks know that there was an error and the incorrect report was sent out. He then read out the correct report that he had prepared dated Feb 24, 202 he had reviewed for the fiscal year ending Dec 31 2019. He informed the group that he had reviewed the financial documents found that they accurately reflect the financial position of the association as of Dec 31 2019. The financial statements have been presented on a basis consistent with those of the previous recording years.

8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Chambers

Jim pointed out that membership was down from last year's 360 members to this year at 311 paid to date which was less than what was budgeted for.

The 2019 surplus was \$691.13.

As of the end of September there is \$13,530.14 in bank account

Expenses, such as the Christmas luncheon, will be substantially lower this year because of covid so he estimates our surplus will be much higher than what he previously budgeted.

MOTION to accept the Budget as presented

Moved: Jim Chambers

Seconded: Jim Martin

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Moved: Jim Chambers

Seconded: Tony Ellul

9.0 COORDINATOR REPORTS (see Annual Report)

10.0 NOMINATION REPORT – Sue McLelland

Nominations were opened for the elected executive positions as follow:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary (Memberships)

Secretary (Recording)

No nominations came forth.

MOTION to close nominations

Moved: Tony Ellul

Seconded: Jim Martin

CARRIED

The executive board has been accepted as it stands.

Bill pointed out that at the next executive meeting, coordinators will be appointed by the executive.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

- Ross asked if the by-laws should be reviewed and edited/added to, in light of Zoom meetings re timing of meetings, etc Bill replied that it does warrant a review by the executive and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Jim Martin asked if it was necessary to get into the college, who would we have to contact. Kathy answered that he would have to contact John Fairley's office.
- Mimi reported that the photo contest was well represented and well received by members. Also, there were 50 to 60 votes for each photo sent out. Emails will be sent to the winners and all who submitted photos for review will be sent a note of thanks. The newsletter will also include the names of the winners.
- Tony is working on a yearend pictorial as he does every year. He mentioned that, because there have been very few social outings, there are very few pictures. He asked the group to send him any ideas for photos. Once he has it compiled, it will be sent out by email to members.

- Bill Totten introduced Brian Desbiens to the group. Brian was a former principal at Thames and has since moved on to another college so is currently an associate member. Brian addressed the group stating that his memories of his time at St. Clair College are some of his fondest.

Meeting ended at approximately 2:45 pm.