

Hall Annual General Meeting

Feb. 9, 2008

2 p.m. at The Hall

In attendance: Michael Fuller, Linda Towns, Colin Curleigh, Patricia Burke, Krista Levy, Michael Levy, Andrew Wagstaff, Rena Kossatz, Norma Cassidy, Keith Graham, Conrad Byers, Brenda Wheaton, David Howe, Frank Hartman, Sarah Hartman, Kathleen Howe, Kyle Dinaut.

Regrets: Murray Scott, Doug Robinson

Michael welcomed all to the meeting, describing the past year as an important one for the association and its vision concerning its building. He listed the music program for beginners, increased usage of the hall, the Films For All initiative, and the business development plan as some of the highlights. He said we are now firmly positioned in the middle ground of our development of the project and will be looking forward towards the completion of our secondary development phase by summers end. He thanked the board directors for the work they have done, particularly Colin and Brenda for going the extra mile.

Michael also presented the financial report, and said the association ended the year “in the black,” with \$11,642 in current earnings. He said this is a very good sign for the future. He also reported that the association’s debt has been reduced from \$10,000 to just under \$3,000. He also said the board has been satisfied with the work of Fundy Shore Accounting Services in taking care of the association’s books.

MOTION by Linda to approve the financial report, SECONDED by Kyle. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Keith to continue obtaining services from Fundy Shore Accounting, without an external audit or review, SECONDED by Rena. MOTION CARRIED.

Brenda presented the membership committee report. She reported that an additional 65 members signed up with the organization this year, bringing a total of 636. She said she would be extremely pleased to see all these 636 renew for 2008, but that we must keep the momentum going for this project, and that continued support is needed from members to work parties, baking, etc. and especially to spread the news enthusiastically to others about this cultural and wellness centre. In a couple of months she said we will initiate a phone campaign to those who may have missed the latest mailout this year.

Kyle presented a report on behalf of the band, first explaining that he will be replacing Morris Canning as chairman of the band committee, and complimenting Morris for the work he had done. He listed numerous highlights of the past year, including the spring concert, Canada Day at Ottawa House, Sunday bandstand concerts, the Christmas concert, and Band Day, which was the biggest he has seen in his 11 years with the band. He said the music lessons for new students has been a huge success. He said 2007 was a great year for the band, and in 2008 they would be looking for even bigger and better things.

Michael offered a special report on the development of the hall, particularly the Power Point presentation of the Lydon Lynch architectural and business development plan. He said the project is now in its second phase, and the board is currently on the operational concept for the facility. He emphasized that we must “do our homework properly” so the money committed to the project is looked after. He estimated that there would be no actual construction until spring of 2009 at the earliest, with the total cost of the project expected to be around \$2 million.

The proposed 2007 slate of board directors was introduced by Michael, who noted that Morris Canning and Lisa Keirstead had decided to step down from the board. The nominees presented were: Michael Fuller, Krista Wells, Colin Curleigh, Andrew Wagstaff, Conrad Byers, Pam Halstead, Keith Graham, Lori Lynch, Brenda Wheaton, Kyle Dinaut, Rena Kossatz, Karen Dickinson and Linda Towns. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION by Kyle to elect the board of directors as nominated, SECONDED by Frank. MOTION CARRIED.

General discussion followed, with Kathleen asking about the plans for parking for the new facility. Michael said after hours parking at the school would be an option, as would the large parking lot behind the post office. Kathleen also asked if a kitchen would be a part of the facility. Michael said it would not, as the association did not wish to compete with other volunteer organizations putting on suppers, etc. David asked if the association was planning to purchase the building next door, and Michael said that that had been considered at one point, but not after it was discovered that we own more land than originally believed at the rear of our current property (an extra 40 feet.) Patricia asked if wheelchair accessibility was going to be a factor, and Michael said that two parking spots would be available for people in wheelchairs, and that a ramp would be constructed at the annex portion of the building.

Meeting was adjourned on a MOTION from Frank, SECONDED by Patricia.