



Minutes for Meeting June 26th, 2022

List of 13 Participants: Lynn McDonald, Rose Dyson, Anne Venton, Carolyn Edgar, Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Kate McCrone, Peter Ryerson, Elizabeth Trott, Gord McNulty, Garry Tate, Irwin Pressman, Phyllis Creighton, Ron Stagg

Chair: Ron Stagg

Recorder: Rose Dyson

Agenda: Minutes from last Meeting, Reports from Committees, Outreach, and Fundraising (GoFundMe) Other initiatives, Date for Next Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting June 12th , 2022: Approved by Peter Ryerson, Seconded by Carolyn Edgar. Carried

Outreach Committee: Carolyn reported that a quote from Frank Sheffield is forthcoming for the technical development of a 10 minute YouTube video. Ron, who is chairing the project, said that Gilbert Read is coordinating it but will not charge for his time. Plans are being made for events in the fall at 519 Church St. and Friends House on Lowther Ave. in Toronto. A brochure has now been designed and printed. These are already being distributed at various events.

Elizabeth reported that her play is tentatively scheduled for July 25th at the Arts and Letters Club. She is still working on rounding up the required talent. In response to a previous suggestion from Irwin that the play be recorded and posted on YouTube, she has determined that the cost (unless pro bono expertise can be acquired) would be about \$500.

Lynn reported on emails being sent to the list of presenters in Appendix B of the Task Force (Standing Strong) Report. Elizabeth and Carolyn have been working with her on this .These emails involve information on our position from Friends of E.R. Ron and Gary have volunteered to help get more of these emails out.

Fundraising Committee: (Go FundMe): Carolyn Edgar gave an update on the platform design. Progress is being made. Meetings have been held to review the copy. Corrections have been made and suggestions proposed. One was that there be better clarity on precisely what funds are being raised for. Ron's introduction is to be included. The whole process is proving to be quite labour intensive as emails require responses. The site is meant to be interactive.

Carolyn reported on other expenses incurred. Brochure printing costs thus far have been \$67. Austin Zhao, a student living with Bruce Weber was paid \$50 for setting up the Power Point presentation for Lynn. The \$200 rental fee for the Shaw House luncheon was picked up by Bruce Suggestions for other, similar occasions where Lynn can make a presentation are encouraged .

Other Business: Gary has identified a fellow alumni member who is helping him contact other alumni members and potentially enlist them for our group. This individual is off site from the university and a contact list is being attempted through word of mouth. In addition, Lynn suggested contacting Michael Forbes at TMU who is responsible for administration of the alumni office. When she met with him earlier this year he offered to cooperate in providing a list of alumni. Gary could cc her in a letter taking him up on it.



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Discussion was held on the fate of the E.R. statue that was defaced and damaged. It was recommended that a letter be sent to Dr. Lachemi, President of TMU, from Gary, an alumni of the University, inquiring as to whether or not any charges will be laid for these misdemeanors

Ron will be a guest on TVO host Steve Paiken's show, The Agenda, on July 1st. He will be on a panel discussing indigenous rights. During the taping Ron was questioned about his participation in Friends of E.R. The work of our group and its activity was generally acknowledged which indicates that 'the word' is getting out.

There were concerns expressed about the costs involved in the University name change. Irwin, who sits on a university committee that helps Ukrainian foreign students, thinks the funds available for these students will be reduced to offset the costs of the name change.

Elizabeth provided the following links for relevant information following the conclusion of the meeting: A name change in 2015 at King's College London reportedly cost 300 BR Sterling.

<https://theyeopener.com/2017/09/the-cost-to-rename-ryerson/>

<https://www.quora.com/How-much-would-it-cost-to-rename-Harvard-University-to-your-name>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/do-universities-really-need-to-change-their-names/2018176.article>.

Next Meeting: July 24th, 2022, 4:00 p.m.