

**RICHLAND CLUB 40 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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A Board Meeting of Club 40 was held October 24, 2015, at the Richland Red Lion. President Marilyn Highstreet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Officers and Board Members in attendance are listed on Page 5 of these minutes.

Marilynn displayed the beautiful desk clock with a special inscription to be given to Ann Thompson, our longtime Treasurer and Data Base Manager, in recognition of her years of service for Club 40. Ann also will be celebrating a Birthday soon, so a Birthday Card was passed around for everyone to sign.

**New Board Members**

In addition to the 3 new members introduced at our September 12, 2015 meeting, Betty Avant, Chris Coburn, and Shannon Hightower, President Highstreet announced that there are 3 more new Board Members: Roberta Kirkwood Lattin and Ann Rector Williams, both representing the class of '58, and Murvelle Baker Moreman for the class of '51. As always, we extend a warm welcome to all these new Board Members.

**Meeting Minutes**

Secretary Karol Smith read the minutes from the September 12, 2015 meeting, which were approved as read. Sharon Watts requested that her name be added to the attendance list for the meeting. Copies of those minutes were distributed everyone present, together with a new Officers List and Class Representatives List.

**Class Representatives**

President Highstreet stated that the purpose of Class Representatives is to keep their classmates informed. She is therefore requesting that our Data Base Manager, Kathy Conrad, send a list of all Club 40 members in each class to one of the Reps from that class. That Rep should then inform their classmates by e-mail or phone of any Club 40 news. It is anticipated that this will increase participation.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kathy Conrad distributed a Financial Report from December, 2014 through October 24, 2015, as follows:

Checking Account Balance:	\$27,634.69
Scholarship Fund	
12 Month Certificate:	\$32,847.02
24 Month Certificate:	\$33,383.76
Total:	\$66,230.78

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### **Treasurer's Report Continued**

Kathy reported that the Balance Transfer of \$7,459.90 shown on the report was merely transferring that amount from one branch of the Bank of America to another.

### **Scholarship Report**

Chairman Duke Mitchell reported that 3 of the 4 recipients of this years' scholarships have completed all the necessary paperwork so their scholarship funds can be sent to their respective colleges.

### **Raffle**

Committee Chairman Marsha Hathcox reported that the Raffle netted \$1,280 after expenses. The beautiful Bomber Quilt donated by Billie Neth brought in \$394 of that amount. Connie O'Neil will send a picture of the Quilt to be included in our Fall Dust Storm. Other donations were made by Lois Harrold and Sharon Watts. Marsha also requested volunteers to help with the raffle, and John Zimmer offered his continued help.

### **Dust Storm Deadline**

The deadline for submitting items for publication in the Fall Dust Storm is November 7.

### **Club 40 Dues**

Kathy Conrad asked about Club 40 dues and sending Dust Storms to members. It was decided that members paid through 2014 and beyond are eligible to receive the Dust Storm this year.

### **Thank You Letters**

President Highstreet said that Secretary Karol Smith had sent letters of appreciation to Billie Neth, who donated the quilt, and to Mary Winston Wymer, who donated several years of Sand Storms and many award letters to Club 40. Marilyn suggested it would be a nice gesture not only to send thanks, but also to acknowledge members who are ill or have suffered a loss. Members are asked to notify Secretary Karol Smith of anyone who might benefit from receiving a card from Club 40. Karol can be reached at 545-4547.

### **Letter from Dick McCoy**

At the September 12, 2015, Board Meeting, Dick McCoy distributed a letter he wrote to the Board of Directors regarding re-organization of Club 40 and our Annual Reunion. Some of the suggestions made were to have the reunion midweek rather than the weekend; holding it for only 1 day rather than 2, and having a change of venue. President Highstreet reported she had been contacted by the Shiloh Inn, who had received a request to hold their ballroom for Club 40 in 2016 and 2017. President Highstreet informed the Shiloh and our members that we already have contracted with the Richland Red Lion/Hanford House for those years. As for 2018 and future years, we will consider all

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options. President Highstreet announced that no vote would be taken at this meeting, and the matter will be tabled until our Spring Board Meeting..

**Membership and Publicity**

President Highstreet noted that we need both a Membership Committee Chairman and a Publicity Committee Chairman. The Food Committee also needs another member. Contact Marilyn if you would be willing to serve in one of these capacities.

**Raffle Suggestion**

There have been comments about the length of time it takes to conduct the Raffle Drawing. Pat Trimble suggested that each item to be raffled be put on display, and have an envelope assigned to it. Members could place raffle tickets they had purchased in the envelope and then the winner would be drawn from each envelope, speeding things up.

**Proposed Alumni Building**

Jim Qualheim, Richland Athletic Director, discussed latest developments in the proposal for Club 40 to participate in realizing an alumni building on City property near the Dawald Gym. Jim reported that he has met with the Richland Parks and Recreation Board and with the Superintendent of Richland Schools. Both have advised him that the proposed building should be a stand-alone entity with no City or School involvement.

Jim also reported that \$50,000 of the \$100,000 that the Richland High ASB Association had available earlier has been spent on a giant TV screen for the School Gym. Only a portion of the remaining \$50,000 is earmarked for an Alumni Building. The proposal is still for a building with a capacity of at least 500 people with a full kitchen, built on City land that we could lease for a nominal fee and rent out to other groups as desired.

The next step Club 40 needs to take is to establish an alumni association to investigate whether this would affect our non-profit status, costs, architectural drawing, etc. This could be composed of representatives from each decade and would need financial and legal advice. Kathy Conrad will contact Brian Johnson, '65, an architect, and Jim Qualheim will contact Brad Anderson, Richland City Councilman, to arrange a meeting with the City, himself and Marilyn Highstreet, Club 40 President.

**Spring Board Meeting**

It was announced that our Spring Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Richland Red Lion/Hanford House.

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The Board Meeting was then adjourned by President Highstreet at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karol Smith*

Karol Smith, Secretary

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Class Year</u>
Jim Chubb	1950
Betty Bell Norton	1951
Norma Boswell	1953
Jim Mefford	1954
Marilynn Highstreet	1954, President
Billie Neth	1955
Sharon Watts	1955
Ron Holeman	1956
Karol Smith	1956, Secretary
Ann Williams	1958
Sandy Warren Armstrong	1959
Leslie Holeman	1959
Marsha Lawell Hathcox	1960
Connie O'Neil	1960, Asst. to Board
Jack Gardiner	1961
Kathy Hoff Conrad	1964, Treasurer & Data Base Manager
Pat Doriss Trimble	1965
John Zimmer	1966, Past President
Betty Avant	1969
Duke Mitchell	1969, Scholarship Chairman
Chris Coburn	1970