

The Echoes

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday March 23, 2019 at the Train Station, St. Albert Grain Elevator Park with 22 members in attendance. A delicious light lunch was served. Vice-Chair Gerald Vague presided over the meeting. Below are highlights of the meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Simonne Perron reported on proceeds from the 2018 Casino - over \$22,000 realized.

Still a large inventory of history books for sale: "The Black Robe's Vision" Vol I & II, "A Bridge Over Time" plus "A Week in the Life of St. Albert" and "St. Albert: A Pictorial History".

Chair's Report: Progress has been made on installation of the Mission Hill storyboards. Hopefully the three remaining boards will be installed in the summer of 2019.

Robert Lema thanked all those who helped out at the Casino in August. A special thank you to Ruby Shanley for coordinating the volunteers.

Also thanked Ray and Germaine Pinco for the many years they served with the Historical Society.

Thanks to members who attended this annual meeting, especially staff from Arts and Heritage Foundation of St. Albert.

The Society is in a good financial position.

New Business: An agreement has been signed with the Arts and Heritage Foundation for storage of St. Albert Historical Society published materials.

An inventory of surplus history books was made and books have been moved to AHF warehouse in Campbell Park.

As of now no new projects have been visualized for the next year. We will be working closely with Arts and Heritage Foundation and supporting some of their ongoing projects.

Election of Directors: Robert Lema, Simonne Perron, Doris Lunn, Bernie McCracken, Lynne Duigou and Kathy Lema were elected to the Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 year.

Thank you to outgoing Board member Gerald Vague for his many years of service. Meeting adjourned.

Election of Executive Directors: A meeting of the Board of Directors was held immediately following the AGM and the following Executive Directors were elected for the 2019-2020 year:

Chair - Robert Lema, Vice-Chair - Bernie McCracken, Secretary - Doris Lunn, Treasurer - Simonne Perron

Welcome Lynne Duigou

Welcome to our new board member, Lynne Duigou. Lynne was editor of "A Bridge Over Time: the continuing story of St. Albert", and worked with the book committee to publish this outstanding historical reference. Her dedication, excellent research skills and ability to plan, write and edit will be a great asset to our Board.

Thanks to Ray & Germaine Pinco

We would like to thank Ray and Germaine for all their hard work with the society. Last year, after many years they decided it was time to retire from their duties. Ray has been a board member since 1990 and Chairman for many of those years. He was instrumental in adding to our history with projects including: Founders Walk, Buffalo

Hunt and the Storyboards which you can view around St. Albert. Ray was a big part in the publishing of our last history book "A Bridge Over Time".

Ray worked closely with the City of St. Albert and Arts and Heritage in St. Albert. He was contacted regularly with questions regarding St. Albert's history. Germaine has been a board member since 1999 and served as Treasurer for many of those years. We thank you both again for all the tireless hours you have given to the society, and your absence has been missed greatly this year, your knowledge and excellent expertise will never be forgotten.

Remembering Members

Anna Eshpeter, a retired kindergarten teacher, passed away suddenly on May 11, 2018, six days short of her 80th birthday. She was the daughter of hard working immigrant parents who owned a vegetable farm in St. Albert where Braeside is today. She married Allen Eshpeter in 1975, was mother to daughter Alana and enjoyed her two grandchildren. Anna began working with the SAHS Board in 2001 when she joined the Founder's Day committee. Proud of her Polish roots, she was an enthusiastic and energetic member. She was elected to the Board in 2005 and was a Director for 10 years between 2005 and 2017.

Membership Renewal

Our SAHS membership has decreased since 2018. Please renew your membership for 2019 if you have not already done so. Thanks!