



St. Rose's Alumni Association USA Inc.
Project Planning Committee Report
Annual General Meeting
October 17, 2020

Committee Co-chairs: Denise Harris-Durant and Compton Grose

During the period under review October 2019 to September 2020 the following projects were achieved:

Scholarship for Mr. Stanley

The final scholarship payment of \$300 towards of the educational material to Mr. Alque Stanley, Physical Education Teacher, who is pursuing his B.E. studies at GC Foster College of Physical Education and Sport in St Catherine, Jamaica was completed. The funds were transmitted in November 2019.

Teachers' Appreciation

On December 3, 2019, a request was sent to SRAA to provide funds towards a Teachers' Appreciation Dinner in celebration of the school being named the Most Improved School based on the CSEC and CAPE results and the teachers' successes. The estimated cost from the venue Hermanston Lodge was approximately US\$1,748.90. After PPC assessed the need and requested the approval of US\$500, approved by the Executive Board, and transmitted on December 10, 2019. The President of SRAA emitted an email requesting for the financial support to be shared with the Toronto chapter. It was also communicated that funding for such activities should be supported through the school's fund-raising activities.

Laptop Donation: Patricia D'Andrade

During our October 2019 AGM, the decision was made to purchase a laptop to facilitate the online financial management as the current device could not support our business needs.

Thanks to Patricia D'Andrade who donated the laptop for use by the SRAA Treasurer.

Class of 79ers:

During the November 2020 visit for the Graduation and Prize-giving ceremony, Lorraine Croft-Farnell and Denise Harris-Durant did a walkthrough of the school and one of our observations showed a rusted freezer which needed to be replaced immediately.

The classmates of this group made a commitment towards one of the items on the 2020 Wishlist. The group has adopted to purchase the chest freezer which is needed for the Home Economics Department. Noting, that this transaction will be managed and supported by the Class of 1979, it is newsworthy to highlight it as it is part of the Wishlist.

Thanks to donating members from the Class of 79ers who adopted the chest freezer itemized on the 2020 Wishlist which benefitted the Home Management Department. The total funding of the project was US\$840.00 which included:

Freezer delivery, wiring new electrical outlets and installation

Polar hot/cold 5 gallon water dispenser with negotiation by the supplier



To the Class of 79ers: St. Rose's Alumni Association USA Inc. is grateful and appreciates your commitment to giving back to our Alma Mater, the Head Mistress, Faculty and Students of St. Rose's High School.

Alque Stanley – Assistance for Return Travel costs

Background. Due to the COVID 19 flight restrictions, the two hubs in the US (non for the Caribbean) for which repatriation flights are bound to Guyana are New York City and Miami. Mr. Alque Stanley was stranded in Jamaica at the time, following the conclusion of his Degree studies. It was not possible for Mr. Stanley to remain in Jamaica. Mr. Stanley contacted the Ministry of Education and sought their assistance but none was forthcoming resulting in an appeal for help. With support from the Board of Governors, the Parent Teachers Association, the US Chapter, along with his own resources, travel arrangements were successfully completed for Mr. Stanley to travel from Jamaica to Miami in order to catch a repatriation flight to Guyana. The US Chapter's support towards this effort was \$150.

Sports Equipment Donation: Andrew Dalgetty

Our alum, Andrew Dalgetty, donated a shipment of gently used sports clothing and sports equipment to SRHS in June 2020.



Thanks for your generosity, Andrew and your commitment to supporting our Alma Mater.

Building Project

According to the Board of Governors of St. Roses High School, that the current plan to replace the wooden building of the school with two twenty-first century structures. The wooden structure has been demolished and a further subvention had to be submitted to the government of Guyana to provide for additional foundational works which could only have been derived after the demolition of the wooden structure. The foundational pilings have begun and are 90% complete. The time estimated is for the start construction of the buildings is in 2020 to last 18 to 24 months. The completion is planned to coincide with the 2022 International Reunion and 175th Anniversary Celebrations.

New Development:

Latest appeal from SRHS and the BoG for assistance for laptops, tablets and other educational materials to facilitate virtual education due to COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned and check our website.....

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Harris-Durant and Compton Grose