

Wellington District 31
Virtual Executive Meeting
January 25 2021 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Stephen O'Connell, Anne Smith, Nancy Baker, Richard Goodbrand, Mary Hermann, Michael Curtis, Joyce Barnes, Joan Berry, Tim Cunningham, Shirley Goodbrand, Marina Howlett, Brenda McGinnis, Scott Montgomery, John Ritchie, Amanda Leatham, Joan Miller, Pam Niesiobedzki, Lenore Ralph, Brian Serafini, Linda May Bell (both Brian and Linda May had difficulties with connecting to Zoom)

Regrets: Lynn Morrison, Patrick Bruder

- **Welcome**

Anne welcomed executive members to our virtual meeting.

- **Approval of/Additions to the Agenda**

Motion to approve the January 25, 2021 agenda; moved by Brenda McGinnis, seconded by Scott Montgomery, carried

- **Approval of the November 30, 2020 Minutes – Mary Hermann**

Motion to approve the November 30, 2020 minutes; moved by Mary Hermann, seconded by John Ritchie, carried

- **Treasurer's Report – Mike Curtis**

Please refer to the Financial Report dated December 31, 2020 and the proposed Budget for 2020 sent by Mike Curtis.

Mike outlined how the year end will be done:

- Use same budget as 2020
- Brenda/Marina audit books
- Mike sends audited books to National Office
- Mike sends to Anne and Nancy then Executive for approval
- Goes back to National office

Need to decide what to do with surplus

Motion to accept the Financial report; moved by Mike Curtis, seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki, carried

- **President's Updates:**

- Presidents Virtual Meeting

Please refer to the Presidents Update Virtual Meeting on January 21, 2021 emailed to us by Anne prior to this meeting.

Important points:

- Only virtual meetings in the Spring
 - Discussed RTOERO Topics for Sharing: discussed and deferred to next meeting
 - Suggested we check hyperlinks for information on RTOERO activities sent by Rich Prophet, Chair of the Board
 - Option to nominate a Distinguished District member: Nancy Baker will chair the committee.

Dates to Remember:

- Feb 15th Submission deadline for motions for AGM

- Feb 18th Submission deadline for nominations for board/committees
- Feb 25th Nomination deadline for RTOERO 2021 Distinguished District Member Award (3) and Outstanding Leadership Award (beyond the district level)
- May 17th Virtual Annual Meeting
- May 19th Virtual Spring Forum
- June 1st Community Grant Application deadline

- **Committee Updates:**

- Archive – *Nancy Baker*

Nancy chaired the meeting for this committee. Please read the attached report given by Nancy. Outlines what to Archive, How to Archive, and who will do it.

Motion by email in December to purchase a portable hard drive for the purpose of archiving District 31's records for up to \$100; moved by Nancy Baker, seconded by John Ritchie, carried

John Ritchie will store the archives in his Fireproof Safe for the time being.

- Communication:

- Facebook/Twitter- Richard Goodbrand
Please read the attached report sent by Richard Goodbrand.
All submissions to be sent to Richard rdgoodb@gmail.com
- Newsletter – Tim Cunningham
All the content is being formatted.
Working on page numbers.
Next Meeting: January 28, 2020, 3:30 – 5:30
- Website – John Ritchie
Checking into Hyperlinks sent from National Office
- Marketing and Communication Mtg on February 8, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00
(round robin): Richard Goodbrand will attend

- Community Grant and Scholarship Committee – *Richard Goodbrand*

Please read the attached report from Richard Goodbrand (same file as Facebook and Twitter info
Richard mentions

- Significant changes have been made
- Next meeting in a few weeks
- Dates to Remember
Jan 29th Scholarship Application Deadline
June 1st Community Grant Application Deadline

- Foundation – *Joan Berry* Nothing to report

- Goodwill – *Joyce Barnes* Nothing to report

- Governance – *Marina Howlett*

Meeting proposed for February 10, 2021, 3:00 – 4:30

- Health – *Shirley Goodbrand*
Please read the attached Heath Report from Shirley Goodbrand based on the National Benefits Committee Meeting in December.
 - We are not to share with anyone other than the executive
 - Speaks to COVID-19 and Pandemic Preparedness
- Membership/RPWs – *Scott Montgomery*
1381 members,
32 active members,
8 members changed their data
Need to talk about how to get new members.
- Pension and Retirement Concerns – *Marina Howlett*
No new info
Has not heard anything from Martin Higgs
- Political Advocacy – *Brenda McGinnis*
 - PAC Meeting with Liaison Feb 2nd 1:00 – 2:00 pm Rep: Brenda McGinnis
 - Vibrant Voices Advocacy Series – Brenda McGinnis will attend
 - Feb 10th - Rights of Older Persons
 - March TBD - The Aging Continuum
 - April TBD - Our Earth, Our Responsibility
 - Received letters from MPP concerning Long Term Care, not helpful, we need to sign petition in Vibrant Voices
 - National Office continuing to make Long Term Care a focus.
- Social/Luncheon - *Brenda McGinnis*
Nothing to date. Hoping for Fall Luncheon
- Travel - NA

7. **Other**
Nothing at this time

8. **Adjournment**
Anne adjourned the meeting at 3.45 pm.
The next meeting will be February 22, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.