

## **Wellington District 31 Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Monday June 5, 2017 @ 9:00 am**

**UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

**Present:** Rick Goodbrand, Brenda McGinnis, Stephen O'Connell, Nancy Baker, Anne Smith, Joyce Barnes, Mary Hermann, Carol Christie, Marina Howlett, Pam Niesiobedzki, Mike Curtis, John Ritchie, Lynn Morrison, Joan Miller

**Regrets:** Mary Gittens, Joan Berry and Pat Bruder

### **1. Welcome:**

Rick welcomed everyone to our June meeting.

### **2. Approval of/Additions to Our Agenda:**

**Motion by** Pam Niesiobedzki to approve the agenda; seconded by Brenda McGinnis; carried

### **3. Approval of the March 6, 2017 Minutes:**

**Motion by** Mary Hermann to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried

### **4. Correspondence:**

Nancy received a thank you card from Action Read. Question arose: Can we print Card quote in newsletter?

### **5. Next Meeting Dates:**

Thursday Oct. 26, 2017 – AGM Fall Luncheon @ Fergus Sportplex

\*Monday Sept. 11, 2017

\*Monday Nov. 27, 2017

\*Tentative – Marina to book today

### **6. Follow Ups:**

A. Marina to draft/present nominees for Slate of Officers at Fall AGM Luncheon; Will conduct election; notify Marina before Sept. meeting if you wish to make any Changes; try to recruit new members

B. Fall AGM Luncheon: Thurs. Oct. 26, 2017 @ Fergus Sportplex; have Craft Fair; Entertainment: Group? Innuendo? – Have 3 of 6/8 members < \$2000? Joan E. to Check out Crackerjack Palace Band; James Gordon - \$250; Dave Davidson Band? Fall 2018 for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary possibilities: Cruisin', Mantini Sisters,

C. Wellness Workshop: Nov. 9, 2017 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon In George Brown Hall @ Centre Wellington Sportplex; Adult swim after 12; Margaret Jutzi speaker; Anne & Joan B. looking into Elder Abuse and OPP Fraud Wkshps; serve healthy Snacks ie: veggie/fruit trays, etc.

D. District President's Wkshp: March 19/20, 2017: Steve & Anne attended; intro To proposals to be presented at Spring Senate

E. Spring Senate: May 15-17, 2017: Anne, Nancy, Rick and Steve attended; able to Vote; healthy discussions; job done in principle; lawyers to draw up draft;

Bd. of Directors - Two Proposals for Governance Committee: a) 7 elected/2 Appointed RTO members or b) 9 RTO members plus 2 volunteer external experts Could be 9-11 RTO members; final decision will be made at Fall Senate; STOP GAP Was approved!

## Summary of District Financial Statements:

District #31 - \$1.81 per member; small margin between money spent/money Given per member ratio; we spend our money on subsidies, donations, RPW, etc. Instead of Fundraising; need explanation of Provincial Rationale when deciding Money Distribution to Districts! We donate \$2500 yearly/Provincial \$1900; Mike To email other Districts, collect information and forward it to Rick

## 7. Reports:

### **President:**

A. /B. Distinguished and Founding Member Sub-Committee Nominations: (See enclosed white application) forward nominees to Rick by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for Distinguished Member and Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> for Founding Member

C. AD HOC Committee of Governance: Steve & Anne previously covered; Prov. Committee/Exec. Nomination due date passed

D. Provincial Committees and Executive Nominations:

**Motion by** Brenda McGinnis, on behalf of District 31 Executive, to nominate Rick Goodbrand to the RTO Provincial Executive; seconded by Marina Howlett; Carried

E. Charitable Donation – Provincial: STOP GAP approved

F. Charitable Donation – Norm Jary Golf Tournament: (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Motion by** Brenda McGinnis that we sponsor the 2017 NJGT for \$300.00

A hole; seconded by Carol Christie; carried

G. District 32 Scholarship – 3 candidates; Our Lady of Lourdes, John F. Ross, College Heights

### **Pension & Retirement Concerns: Marina**

Restoration of pension benefits (surplus); what will future bring? Unfunded Liability? 85 factor to 87 or 88? Want long-term solution

### **Treasurer: Mike**

(See report dated: June 5, 2017); minus cheques written today; 5 yr. basically Same as last year

### **Goodwill: Joyce**

Oldest member 105; celebrated by participating in Mount Forest Home Coming Parade

### **Membership: Carol**

RPW: \$20 fee; 5 new recruits from OTIP; Carol to forward conference calls; Extra "In Memory" "In Honour" Cards" give to Foundation; NEED TO RECRUIT; Strategies: get together with all Federations; meet with Boards, Colleges, Universities and educate them that RTO is not just insurance! Encourage OTIP Members to join RTO for Social, Political Advocacy options, etc.; Johnson needs to Consider/put forward possible kickbacks for Boards to compete with OTIP

### **Health: Pat (absent)**

Attending HSIC Workshop

### **Newsletter: Mary (absent)**

2 email blasts in Sept. about Fall AGM Luncheon; one before/after newsletter; put On website and in newsletter

Articles (to Mary) Due Date: Fri. Sept. 8, 2017 @ 9:00 am  
Mary to add in Wellness Wkshp. Info; Rick & Anne discuss new printing options  
With Mary; Pam to check out MT 24 Hour Shop; Post Office (5-10 business days);  
Nancy check out printing Service in Fergus  
Communications Wkshp: (June); pay extra to have Rick go with Anne & Mary;  
Therefore, not going

**PSTO: Brenda**

S.H.A.R.E. Project – asking for \$2750 for 3 ovens & teaching good nutrition in  
Small World Settlement in Eastern Guatemala; 9 RTO members involved  
Possible 2018 projects: Suicide prevention Group; JOE Group

**Political Advocacy: Brenda**

Brenda resigning from group but will collect info; Coalition too anti-action;  
RTO is pro-action; Water Watchers (James Gordon play) more informative  
Than political but appears to support a negative group; RTO believes in  
Proportional Representation

**Travel: Lynn**

A. Lancaster – 16 booked  
B. Niagara Belle – 35 booked; Bonus Draw Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 4 RTO members will get  
Refund  
C. Come From Away – April 25<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
D. NYC – Fall 2018; adding evening Dinner Cruise and Broadway Show  
E. Stratford – VERY Frustrating! Pay more when book groups in advance

**Website: John**

Rick, Marina Carol to forward updated membership list(s) to John

**Public Relations: Nancy**

**8. Spring Luncheon: Rick**

Date: Thursday May 3, 2018 @ Italian Canadian Club, Guelph  
Entertainment: ?

**9. Other: Brenda**

Possible Fundraising Suggestions: MUST state where \$\$\$ is going i.e. Xmas  
Donation, etc.  
A. 50/50 Draw B. Bottle/Jar Raffle (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) C. Speak  
Easy – Gangster Movie D. Penny Table: Marina to write article for September  
Newsletter

**10. Adjournment: Rick**

**Motion by** Carol Christie to adjourn meeting; seconded by John Ritchie; carried  
Concluded at 12:03 pm; Special Thanks to Mike and Nancy for coffee and treats!