

**Wellington District 31 Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday June 4, 2018 @ 9:00 am**  
**UGDSB Room 9, Guelph, ON**

**Present:** Brenda McGinnis, Nancy Baker, Anne Smith, Joyce Barnes, Carol Christie, Marina Howlett, Pam Niesiobedzki, Mike Curtis, Mary Gittins, Joan Berry, Frank Tersigni, Lynn Morrison, Mary Hermann, Stephen O'Connell and Joan Miller

**Regrets:** Pat Bruder, Rick Goodbrand and John Ritchie

**1. Welcome:**

Stephen welcomed everyone to our June meeting.

**2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda:**

Additions: 1. Quilt (Brenda)

**Motion by** Anne Smith to approve addition to agenda; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

**3. Approval of March 26, 2018 Minutes:**

**Motion by** Brenda McGinnis to approve March 26, 2018 minutes; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

**4. Correspondence:**

1. Marina: circulated thank you email from Jo-Anne Ritchie for potted plant  
(See insert)
2. Mary H. expressed both her and Ken's grateful thanks for our support  
During their medical treatments and recovery

**5. Next Meeting:**

1. Monday Sept. 10, 2018 @ Joan E. Miller's house  
**Motion by** Marina Howlett that we have a meeting and potluck luncheon  
At Joan E.'s house starting at 10:00 am; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki;  
Carried
2. Monday November 29, 2018@ UGDSB; Marina to confirm booking today  
Marina will book future meetings at November meeting

**6. \*\* United Way Presentation: (see insert "Funded Programs 2018")**

- A. What's raised here; stays here B. Partnership C. Local (76 programs)
  - D. Impact
- Make decision to support this group at our September meeting

**7. Follow Ups:**

**A. Draft List of Nominees (Slate) for District 31 Executive:** *Marina*

Let Marina know any changes by end of July

**B. Spring Luncheon 2018:**

Excellent!

**C. Fall Luncheon 2018:**

Sportsplex (Fergus) is booked for Oct. 25, 2018; caterer (Nancy) is booked; Entertainment – RCMPPI will be coming to perform excerpts from previous Shows (30-45 minutes); pay them \$500

**Motion by** Joyce Barnes to pay RCMPPI \$500 for entertainment at our Fall Luncheon; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried  
3 Craft tables already booked; Mary Gittins expressed her wishes to sell her Kites/Flags designed by her but commercially made; conflict of hand-made Versus commercially-made

**Motion by** Pam Niesiobedzki we maintain only hand-made products Versus commercially-made products at our Fall Luncheon Arts & Craft Tables; Seconded by Anne Smith; motion defeated; Mary G. withdrew her offer

**Motion by** Nancy Baker to change name from “Creative Corner Arts & Crafts” to “ Fall Market”; seconded by Anne Smith; carried

**D. Spring Senate:**

Rick G. elected for one year; 9 people on Board; elect 3 for 3 years (next year)

**8. Reports:**

**President:**

1. Selection of 2 Senators & Observer 1, Observer 2 for July 1, 2018 to June 2019: Provincial Office deadline: June 30, 2018; who’s going to Fall & Spring Senate? What is our new constitution so we know new rules? Should receive “District Governance Model” soon; no significant changes on how we do business; this is A Provincial AGM; therefore, they should pay for all attendees; Rick to bring this Issue forward at next Bd./Directors meeting; Steve O’C. & Anne Smith will attend As Senators

**Motion by** Joan Berry that Lynn Morrison as Observer #1 and Mary Gittins As Observer #2 attend both our Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 Senates; seconded By Frank Tersigni; carried

2. Provincial Committees:

Due Date end of June if interested; visit website to see what’s available

3. Provincial Charitable Donation:

10K to \_\_\_\_\_

4. District Charitable Donation: Norm Jary Golf Tournament

Date: July 9, 2018; can we afford it?

**Motion by** Marina Howlett that we donate \$300 to sponsor a hole at the Norm Jary Golf Tournament on July 9, 2018; seconded by Carol Christie; carried

5. District 31 Scholarships:

Rick emailing winners for this year; discuss this going forward at our next Meeting

**Pension & Retirement Concerns:**

Workshop cancelled; Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>; will report then

**Treasurer:** (see report dated June 4, 2018)

We need both yearly and 5-year budget plan; suggested we make Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting all day so we can discuss/create BUDGET planning/spending in more Detail; Mike to set up draft

**Motion by** Carol Christie that we extend our Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss and Plan our future budget(s); seconded by Joyce Barnes; carried  
Tentative Issues for Discussion: 1. \$2000 cap for donations 2.\$50/executives' Expenses 3. Create policies/parameters for future years 4. District Scholarships – Only 3 participants; high school teachers not RTO members 4.Newsletter – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition extra cost, stamps & printing of hard copies, email only? 5. Monies for our members' first 6.Tone back Community Donations 7. Lynn Morrison should have extra travel expenses paid for by RTO District 31

**Goodwill:**

Everything is good

**Membership:**

RPW – March 20<sup>th</sup> been & gone

Recruitment – Sept. 16/17 – Frank & Carol going

**Foundation Update:**

50K to Sunnybrooke Hospital for senior pkg.

**Health:**

Pat at DHR/UHR Workshop

**Newsletter:**

Due date for articles: Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> @ noon; proofread edition @ Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting; To printer Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>; to mail – ASAP! Inserts cost \$\$\$\$; keep to minimum

**Project Service to Others:**

Donations to Special Olympics Summer Games; look into funding a fridge for J.O.E? Submission due date: June 2019;

**Motion by** Anne Smith to investigate/promote J.O.E. as our 2019 PSTO; seconded By Nancy Baker; carried

**Political Advocacy:**

VOTE!

**Travel:**

1. Come From Away: trip#1 – excellent trip#2 – in July

2. SS Railway Trip: date changed to Sun. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>; 14 booked; need 40 to go; Cost \$100 each

3. Haunted Toronto Trip: Oct.24<sup>th</sup>; cost \$95 each

4. NYC Trip: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>; GC booklet pg. 31/32; juggled agendas; pg. 31 for Days 1 to 3; Broadway Show still Come From Away Pg. 32 for day 4 - AM – Brooklyn Bridge Walk/Park; PM – own choice; night cruise on ship Intrepid; You pay entrance fees; no Radio City Music Hall Tour; cost - \$1500 +  
Lynn requested \$500 to pay initial trip expenses; 2015 was last time gave Lynn \$500; Lynn paid own way to Come From Away; Day Trip – 40 people Get free trip; 5 day Trip - get one free trip per bus; need to consider budgeting \$200 yearly to help cover Lynn's costs

**Motion by** Marina Howlett to pay Lynn Morrison \$300 for her immediate

Personal expenditures for RTO Day Trips lasting till December 31, 2018;  
Seconded by Carol Christie; carried

**Website:**

**Public Relations:**

Took books to Action Read; picture on Facebook & Website

**9. Spring Luncheon: Thursday May 2, 2019**

1. Venue: Italian Canadian Club – booked
2. Entertainment – Where have All The Folk Songs Gone – Rick and Brenda to Investigate

**10. Other:**

1. Quilts: *Brenda* has 2 free lap quilts (for seniors); raffle off at our next 2 Luncheons
2. Newsletter/Arts & Crafts Corner: *Nancy* already advertised for Fall Luncheon; Let's keep it the same; however, have already made a motion to change it! *Nancy* Expressed her intent to no longer organize the event if the format is changed; can We resolve this issue at our Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting
3. Survey: *Carol* what do you want from RTO? Sept. Wine & Cheese Reception; Advertise in newsletter and on website; bring suggestions to Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting

**11. Adjournment:**

**Motion by** Joan Berry to adjourn meeting; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki;  
Carried; Time ended: 12:01 pm  
Special thanks to both Mike C. and Nancy B. for coffee and treats!  
Door prize winner – Marina Howlett  
Special thanks to Mary Gittins for donating the prize!