

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

**Monday, June 3, 2019 @ 9:00**

**UGSB Board Room, Guelph ON**

**Present:** Stephen O'Connell, Anne Smith, Nancy Baker, Michael Curtis,  
Mary Hermann, Brenda McGinnis, Marina Howlett, Pam Niesiobedzki,  
Joan Miller, Joan Berry, Joyce Barnes, Pat Bruder, Frank Tersigni, Richard  
Goodbrand, Shirley Goodbrand, John Ritchie  
Lynn Morrison, Carol Christie

**1. Welcome:** Stephen welcomed everyone to the June 3 meeting.

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

**Additions:** 1. **Richard Goodbrand** asked to be added to **Other** to make a presentation form RTO/ERO.

**Motion** to approve the additions and the Agenda **moved by** Brenda McGinnis, seconded by **Joyce Barnes, carried**

### **3. Approval of the March 18, 2019 Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the March 18, 2019 Minutes **moved by** Pat Bruder, seconded by Joan Berry, **carried**

### **Approval of the May 2, 2019 Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the May 2, 2019 Minutes **moved by** Marina Howlett, seconded by Nancy Baker, **carried**

### **4 Follow Ups**

#### **A. Spring Luncheon: May 2, 2019**

All went very well, especially "In Memoriam" and the availability of Gluten Free meals

Nancy Baker will write a newsletter report on Action Read. They sent a Thank You note which was circulated.

**Motion** that we book the ICC for our May 7 2020 Spring Luncheon **moved by** Marina Howlett, **seconded by** Joyce Barnes, **carried**  
Pat Bruder will check the date with the ICC. Mike Curtis has already paid the deposit to the ICC.

#### **B. Wellness Workshop**

Brenda handed out a list of responses from the survey. Budget was for \$400 and \$250 was collected from attendees. There was a discussion on venue and signage. Next one should be in Guelph. Committee will reconvene at a later date to discuss the next workshop.

#### **C. Project Services to Others**

The deadline is June 17, 2019. JOE has been a good help writing this proposal.

## 5. Reports

### **\*President: Stephen O'Connell**

Upcoming workshops need to be attended.

**Benefits:** June 9/10, 2019: Richard Goodbrand

**Goodwill:** Sept. 8, 2029: Joyce Barnes

**Communications:** Oct. 6/7, 2019: John Ritchie, Anne Smith

**Treasurer:** in the Fall: Mike Curtis,

Board will be reviewing financials from all Districts. We were reminded about having motions for spending and we must have receipts.

As of June 1, 2019 we are a national organization, new districts in Prairies, Atlantic Provinces and Quebec (not signed as yet).

New name was withdrawn and will be studied further.

There were discussions on

Vibrant Voices and how this works for seniors' issues

Calculation of grant money: Mike will speak to Finance Department

A letter of resignation must be given should an executive member wish to change jobs.

Year End date: needs further discussion:

**Motion** to determine District 31 year-end at the District Governance meeting, **moved** by Marina Howlett, **seconded** by Carol Christie, **carried**

**Fall/Spring Senate, 2019/2020:** Stephen, Anne, Nancy and Richard will attend. Governance committee will look at attaching Observers to a position on the District Executive.

**Motion** to allow Nancy Baker to go as an observer and will share a room with Anne Smith, Richard Goodbrand as an observer and we pay for his room, **moved** by Joyce Barnes, **seconded** by Pam Niesiobedzki, **carried**

### **\*Pension and Retirement Concerns: Marina Howlett**

Marina will update us in the Fall

### **\*Constitution and District Governance: Marina Howlett**

There will be no meeting of this committee till after June.

### **\*Treasurer: Mike Curtis**

Mike Curtis presented the Financial report for June 3, 2019. It was noted the newsletter was over budget. Everyone liked the format.

**Motion** to accept the Wellington District #31 Financial Statement for June 3, 2019 **moved by** Pat Bruder, **seconded by** John

Ritchie, **carried**

**\*Goodwill: Joyce Barnes**

No report was given.

**\*Membership: Frank Tersigni**

Frank Tersigni gave an update on the RPW and thanked Carol Christie, Pat Bruder and the executive that attended the RPW.

Carol Christie thanks Frank Tersigni for organizing the RPW.

**\*Health Benefits: Pat Bruder**

Pat Bruder spoke about the report from the Senate.

**Benefit Plan:**

Under Paramedical, they have added Psychotherapists and Social Workers.

Best Doctors: takes up to 2 months

NO Cannabis Oils

Allianz: need to be stable for 90 days before covered

Premiums will continue to go up.

Steven Wong is good Provincial help.

Richard Goodbrand will be helping out with Benefits.

**\*Political Advocacy: Brenda McGinnis**

Much is happening: Pharmacare, Income Security, National Seniors Strategy are all under discussion. Brenda will continue report in newsletter. RTO/ERO members are encouraged to be involved. Friday is Red for Ed day.

**\*Social Justice: Richard Goodbrand**

Coalition for Social Justice is preparing an All Candidates meeting for Sept. 26, 2019 at the ICC from 6:30 – 9:30.

**Motion** that District 31 will support the GWCSJ All Candidates meeting financially by donating \$250 from our RTO Political Action grant of \$750, **moved** by Richard Goodbrand, **seconded** by Marina Howlett, **carried**

Richard mentioned the travel costs for going to these meetings. Will need to look at the grant money for this.

**\*Travel: Lynn Morrison**

Brigadoon:/Niagara on the Lake: Sept. 24: 20: still need people

Pelee Island: Sept. 29 – Oct. 1: only 6 going

Dear Evan Hansen was well received. We have \$900 from Great Canadian: used \$500 to give away a free trip.

**\*Newsletter: Anne Smith**

Newsletter articles are due into Anne Smith on Sept. 16 by noon. Please let her know if you are not submitting an article.

**\*Website: John Ritchie**

We continue to get more hits on the website. John Ritchie will add new and still working members' email addresses to the newsletter email list. If any member has to have a print copy, they can email John or Anne.

**6. Fall Luncheon Planning: Brenda McGinnis**

Brenda provided a planning sheet for us to fill out for the Fall Luncheon. She will send out the completed form in an email.

**Spring Luncheon:** Next years has been booked and paid for.

**7. Next Meeting Dates:**

Marina was able to confirm our meeting dates for 2019-2020. They are: Thursday Sept. 19, 2019

Monday, November 18, 2019

Monday, March 30, 2020

Monday, June 1, 2020

They will be held at the UGDSB Board room starting at 9:00.

**(I took these dates from my minutes. Please let me know if there are any changes.)**

**8. Other**

- **Norm Jary Golf Tournament: Brenda McGinnis**

This will be the last year.

**Motion** that we sponsor a hole for \$350 for the last time.

**moved by** Brenda McGinnis, **seconded by** Frank Tersigni, **carried**

**2. Pins: Shirley Goodbrand**

Shirley Goodbrand presented information on name pins for all members from Amazon.

**Motion** that we approve the expenditure for 100 name pins for our member up to \$100, **moved by** Shirley Goodbrand, **seconded by** Richard Goodbrand, **carried**

**3. Presentation: Richard Goodbrand**

Richard Goodbrand presented the Recognition Award for RTO/ERO 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Anne Smith.

He also thanked Marina Howlett and Brenda McGinnis for their help in his bid for RTO/ERO Director, Stephen O'Connell, Anne Smith and Nancy Baker for their help at Senate and District 31 for the donation in his sister's name.

**!0. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn **moved by** Pat Bruder, **seconded by** Joan Berry, **carried**

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Thank you to Nancy and Mike for the treats and coffee.**