

Wellington District 31 Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday March 26, 2018 @ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON

Present: Rick Goodbrand, Brenda McGinnis, Nancy Baker, Anne Smith, Joyce Barnes, Carol Christie, Marina Howlett, Pam Niesiobedzki, Mike Curtis, Mary Gittins, Joan Berry, Pat Bruder, John Ritchie, Frank Tersigni and Joan Miller

Regrets: Mary Hermann, Stephen O'Connell and Lynn Morrison

1. Welcome:

Rick welcomed everyone to our March meeting.

2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda:

Additions: 1. Contract From Legion (Frank) 2. 3 Smiles Fundraiser (Joan M.)
3. Door Prizes (Mary G.)

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

3. Approval of November 27, 2017 Minutes:

Amend: #7: Change OECTA to Provincial RTO/ERO Executive/Board of Directors

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve amended minutes; seconded by Anne Smith;
Carried

4. Correspondence:

None at this time

5. Next meeting Date:

Monday June 4, 2018 in UGDSB Boardroom

6. Follow Ups:

A. Fall Luncheon:

Pam's research: ERIN LEGION: hall \$350 food \$18/person hold 200; ABOYNE: Hall cost? Food bring in caterer hold 120 limited area for entertainment and craft Tables; FERGUS: hold 320; ALMA: no craft room hold 120; ELORA: hall \$375 own Caterer hold 200; ARISS: small & large hall \$24/person; ARTHUR: 2 halls hold 500; GRAND VALLEY RACE TRACK: 2-tiered price?

Frank's research: GUELPH LEGION: hall \$325 provide food/bar (see contract Insert)

FERGUS COMMUNITY CENTRE still cheapest; weak sound system; Pam to check Aboyne if can accommodate craft tables & report via email;

TENTATIVE DATE: Thursday Oct. 25, 2018

CONSIDERATIONS: 800/1500 members live in Guelph area; are most attendees From Guelph or County? Pam to investigate and report results at June Meeting

ENTERTAINMENT: 1. RCMPI: perform excerpts from shows; cost? Rent Equipment? Who's available? 40th Anniversary; Brenda & Steve to investigate

2. WHERE HAVE ALL THE FOLKS SONGS GONE: via Rick; 4 members cost more

B. Wellness Workshop: (Mary absent)

AFTERWHYS: April; 19th @ Guelph Country Club from 9:30-11:00am; talk it up;

Post posters anywhere; for all people/seniors to see; discussion after show;

Brenda had posters printed at Board Office - \$25 for 100 copies

7. Reports:

President:

1. Update – Project Service to Others Scholarships – extended to March 15, 2018
Deadline

2. Charitable Donation Submission – Provincial requests due March 29, 2018

3. Special RTO/ERO Foundation - \$50K grant for medical research, geriatrics

4. Communications Workshop? Prov. runs 3 per year; are we interested?

5. District #31 Scholarship – Public: hopefully know soon; Separate: St. James
Revisit amount of money per year (\$1200)

6. Provincial Calendar – Feb.15th made final calendar dates for 2018 only; all
Workshop attendees bring up idea of creating a more than 1-year Prov. calendar

Pension & Retirement Concerns:

April 12th Teacher Pension Bd.; April 16th Annual Meeting; more info in June

New structure for RTO/ERO – 9 voluntary positions available for Board of

Directors: terms for 1, 2, 3 years; applications due March 29th; terms to end

Oct. 2018 are extended to May 2019

Motion by Marina Howlett to nominate Rick Goodbrand to the RTO/ERO
Board of Directors and we donate \$500 toward his campaign; seconded by
Brenda McGinnis; carried

Marina and Brenda to work on Rick's campaign

Treasurer:

(See report dated: March 26, 2018)

Goodwill:

Shared some thank you cards; increase in flower deliveries; some exec's share

Driving Mary H. to her treatments;

Motion by Joyce Barnes we give Mary Hermann a \$200 VISA gift card to assist
With her medical/driving expenses; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

Membership:

RPW – great workshop! Prov. waived membership fee and 20 new people

Changed over; prov. took care of everything

FOUNDATION – Joan B. will take over this responsibility; Rick will inform Prov.

Health:

Premium increase \$12/couple; our plan pays for Shingles vaccine (94% effective)

2018: prescriptions up 20% in Canada; Dental – changed our policy numbers

Causing some problems when submitting bills; comparison chart in RTO package

Still shows RTO/ERO package is best; free change over till end of March

Newsletter:

Exec's to OK design changes; need to retake some pictures; take Frank's picture;

Include Spring Luncheon info & agenda; next newsletter dates to be picked at

June 4th meeting; still doing 1st free lunch? Cost \$400

Political Advocacy:

Provincial Election: June 7th; get involved; no political party agendas yet

50th Anniversary:

Good shape; great centerpieces; Cruisin' for entertainment; doing "Bring A Book" Campaign; asking for Charitable Donation to PSTO project – Go Beyond: ... Special Olympians National Summer Games

Travel: (Lynn Absent)

1. COME FROM AWAY – May 26th & July 14th; both buses booked
2. NYC – two possible agendas; need to know if will change Broadway show and Free time blocks so participants can individually book own plays, TV shows, etc. 8 people booked so far

Website:

Email blast for Wellness Workshop & Spring Luncheon mid/late April;

Explanation of Dental Policy Number fiasco from Johnson

Public Relations:

Nancy – nothing new to report

Rick – Mary G. volunteered to co-administer our FACEBOOK page

Joan E. – promo for upcoming 3 Smiles Fundraiser Event

8. Spring Luncheon – Thursday May 3rd – Italian Canadian Club

a. Recognition of Indigenous Lands – Rick

b. Guest Speaker – Rich Prophet

c. Entertainment – Cruisin' Pam to do intro; Anne to do thank you

Each person receives small gold box of candies (centerpieces) in lieu of door

Prizes/gift cards will donate money to PSTO

Motion by Joyce Barnes we give \$100 donation to Go Beyond: Guelph Special Olympians for 2018 National Summer Games in lieu of gift cards; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried

9. Other:**10. Adjournment:**

Rick Goodbrand declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. Special thanks go To Nancy Baker & Mike Curtis for supplying treats and coffee! Joan Berry won the Door prize!