

**Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday May 28, 2012 @ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: *Brenda McGinnis*

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

Absent: Marina Howlett

2. APPROVAL/ADDITONS TO THE AGENDA: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to approve the agenda; seconded by Pat Bruder;
Carried

3. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 26, 2012 MINUTES: *Benda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to approve March 26, 2012 minutes; seconded by Joan Berry; carried

4. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Brenda McGinnis*

November 20, 2012; tentative Monday Sept. 10, 2012 or Wednesday Sept. 12, 2012

5. REPORTS: *Brenda McGinnis*

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Brenda McGinnis (Marina Howlett absent)*

If retired not to panic

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Seminar – June 10, 11, 2012: Gov't given 5 year extended drug patents to European companies; will raise prices for Canadians;

Amalgamation with Shoppers – coupons, etc. \$2 reduction on dispensing Fee for over 65

President Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

Brief report on Senate; Foundation was a key issue; up to individuals to Contribute or not

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

CETA; Drug Care; Current situation with "Gov't vs Teachers"; RTO will support If needed; let Federations handle situation; RTO will step in if pensions affected; Possible one Senate for three days next year because not enough agenda in Spring

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated May 28, 2012)

Motion by Carol Christie to charge a non-refundable \$5 fee to potential members At the 2013 RPW Workshop to subsidize costs; seconded by Joan Berry; carried

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

- a. a) A Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario – website to John;
- b. b) Fact Sheets/Information for Seniors – put in newsletter
- c. c) Guidelines for Goodwill – put in newsletter

- d. d) Note Pads/Thank You Notes – get from Joyce
- e. e) Keep Documents in a Safe Place – put on website

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW – April 25th report; Survey lots of info; hated question period; request a speaker from Toronto with question period after; posters/pamphlets should go to schools; Johnson info kits to schools in March; OECTA banquet this Thursday, Move decision forward to Sept. 2012 meeting

Membership Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

June 6th and 7th – Toronto; Oct. 5th to 7th – Harbourfront; kiosk in hall to hand out info; Provincial Chair changing in fall; Steve on committee till Oct. 2014; Goodwill Kit passed out at Senate or mailed home

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Increase in size; include more pictures; sheet from Charitable Foundation; card or bookmark format which would include executive contacts, website, special dates, program of events; tentative format: Spring/Fall banquet dates, Goodwill, Travel dates, Website, Health, President, Membership, March Drama Festival; Carol and Anne will put it together;

Motion by Pat Bruder that we pay for 1500 information bookmarks that Pam will get from her printer, to be inserted in our next newsletter; seconded by Mary Hermann; carried

Highlight Service to Others in Sept. newsletter; more onus on Districts to do write-ups; retired teachers MUST be involved; next year may not qualify because our project isn't till next March; final report will be after Provincial due date; publish some examples of previous Service to Others;

Envelope cost: #10 size=\$20/1000; more cost when weight over 35 grams; go with half envelope size; glue stick variety; Mike give box to Brenda; Mary and Brenda to get stamps at Costco

Due date for articles to Anne: Mon. Aug. 20th

Packing bee @ Brenda's: Wed. Sept. 5th

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

For newsletter put dates in "Dates to Remember"; Uxbridge trip cancel or carpool people from north; NYC trip 59 booked and 4 maybe's, need 70 for second coach; maybe recruit some people from Wellington Retired Women's group; TKTS kiosk in Time Square can get half price show tickets; Stratford trip (Oct.23rd) 4 people so far; cost \$99; can bring a friend; Fall Senate same time; last week Sept. 2014 tentative 5 day trip to Mackinac Island/Agawa Canyon; if refer other groups to Great Canadian, our group gets 5% discount on coach rentals, one-day tours, over night tours or free seats

Motion by Lynn Morrison to pay \$500 to subsidize Stratford trip; seconded by Mike Curtis; carried

Website: *John Ritchie*

Post Lynn's travel info; 170 people signed up for electronic newsletter; only 14%; need to UP emails so we can send reminders, info, surveys anytime and often; Carol and Anne to work on email list

Public Relations: *Pam Niesiobedzki*

Need something to give away at Drama Festival next March to advertise us; possible signs, posters, pens, grab bags; Souvenir Canada gives pricing; forward to Sept. meeting

6. FALL BANQUET: *Brenda McGinnis*

Follow up survey results (gold sheets); need to set up and set tables; need Tablecloths & napkins, gift baskets (Mary), flower centre pieces to give away (Nancy), photos (Nancy) & everyone

Motion by Pat Bruder that Mary Hermann spend up to \$200 for Fall Luncheon Gift Baskets; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

Tentative Entertainment: 1. Carol Baker C&W singer 2. Wendell Ferguson friend

Of James Gordon 3. Funniest Teacher in the World cost \$1000 4. Anne's son's Friend 5. Stompin' Tom Pam's neighbour 6. Bob Perkins Bluegrass Group

7.

Mad Dogs Improve Group from Oakville

Motion by Pat Bruder we make a decision on which group to pick;

Motion by Carol Christie we contact Wendell Ferguson, Funniest Teacher/World, Carol Baker, Stompin' Tom, Bluegrass Group; Brenda to email Wendell within Week and go to second if not available;

Motion by Carol Christie we spend \$1000 to \$1500 on entertainment; seconded By Pat Bruder; carried

Award of Merit: nominate people from past who have greatly contributed to RTO; Defer to Sept. 2012 meeting

7. FALL LUNCHEON: *Brenda McGinnis*

For planning/tentative agenda & responsibilities see green information sheet;

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki to charge two prices for Fall Luncheon: \$15 for RSVPs before/on due date and \$20 for RSVPs after due date; seconded by Carol Christie; carried

8. WELLNESS WORKSHOPS: *Brenda McGinnis*

Defer to Sept. 2012 meeting

9. OTHER: *Brenda McGinnis*

Defer to Sept. 2012 meeting

10. ADJOURNMENT: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Stephen O'Connell to adjourn meeting; seconded by Mary Hermann; Carried; Meeting concluded at 11:54 am. Special thanks as always to Mike C. and Nancy B. for coffee and treats!