

Wellington District 31 Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday November 27, 2017 @ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON

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

Regrets: Lynn Morrison, Stephen O'Connell and John Ritchie

1. Welcome:

On behalf of the Executive, Rick welcomed our new member Frank Tersigni.

2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda:

Addition of timed item at 1:00 pm – PSTO Application/Presentation by Steve and Taylor Redmond

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki to approve addition to agenda; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

3. Approval of September 11, 2017 Minutes:

Amend: #5 - #3. June 9th to June 4th, 2018

#7 – change Gittens to Gittins (also change spelling in attendance)

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to approve amended minutes; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

4. Correspondence:

None at this time

5. Next Meeting Dates:

Monday March 26, 2018 in Boardroom – 8:30 – 12:00

Monday June 4, 2018 in Room 9 – 8:30 – 12:00

6. Follow Ups:

AGM Fall Luncheon: Faulty sound system made it difficult for people to hear;

Microphone not working properly as well; therefore audience very inattentive;

Next year bring/rent own system; Pat & Carol to check this out

Craft Show: vendors disappointed with attendance; people come for lunch only;

Many left before entertainment began

NEXT YEAR: change agenda order; change date so closer to Christmas; change

Day to Thursday; cut lengthy speeches; change up guest speaker to our president

Or perhaps Rich Prophet our District liaison instead of Simon; change venue? 93

People attended; 10% attendance is standard rule

NEED TO THINK ABOUT place, price, cost, food selection if change venue;

GUELPH – ICC best choice; NORTH – Marden, Elora Legion, Alma, Drayton?

What are member attendance stats from Guelph, from North, in Spring? In Fall?

Pam N. to check out various northern locations and bring info to March meeting

Frank T. to check out Guelph Legion for 2019; both will email us results

SWITCH UP: Fall – Guelph Spring – North

Wellness Workshop: very successful; poor attendance (14); all excellent wkshps
If change to Guelph in Spring would attendance be better? ADVERTISE and TALK ABOUT IT in newsletters to give members info; if do Suicide Awareness in 2018, Can redo these workshops in 2019

7. Reports:

Rick Prophet, liaison rep. from OECTA, bring greetings before, during or after Luncheon; In May will have new Bd/Directors so may have different title; Rick G. Or Martha will confirm this

A. PSTO:

Deadline: Feb. 3, 2018; we're submitting J.O.E. Brenda will proceed with this; Need to be VERY SPECIFIC funds are for fridge cost, etc. RTO will be permanently Advertised on fridge

B. CHARITABLE DONATION SUBMISSION – PROVINCIAL

Requests due March 29, 2018

C. DISTRICT # 31 SCHOLARSHIP

3 per year

D. PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

Senate only has first 3 months completed; need to establish Provincial Dates/deadlines 2-3 years in advance; Rick requesting consensus/motion that Staff create long-term calendar for future planning

Motion by Marina Howlett that Provincial RTO/ERO establishes a multi-year Calendar of events to determine consistent meeting dates for Senate, Annual Meeting, Provincial Committee Meetings, and Workshops each consecutive year; Seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

Pension & Retirement Concerns:

Bill C27: (Federal) restructuring how Pension Plan works; releases large Companies from defined Pension Plans as we know; no guarantee on what your Pension will be when retired; how does this help middle class? Onus on us who Have gov't/public funded pensions to lobby for those who don't; resource/fact Sheets are being discontinued on website

Treasurer:

(See report dated: Nov. 27, 2018) this year: \$100 – Fall Senate; \$50 – Spring Senate; 2016 Goodwill – Joyce wants to know expenditures; Mike to email them

Goodwill:

300 birthday cards, 300 Christmas cards, 13 flowers plus sympathy, get well, Etc. sent out this year; donate Christmas cards at our Luncheons; Isobel Muir And Violet Cramp in Wellington Park Nursing Home;

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: continue to send out cards; keep same months; 2 Members over 100!

Membership:

RPW – date: March 20, 2018; free admission cause OTIP doesn't charge; Preapproval from Health Benefits Coordinator; 2 hours in length; 5:30 – Registration 6:00 – 8:00 – Meeting helpers come at 5:00; healthy Refreshments, no meals; Provincial advertise through social media; do 1 in Spring

And 1 in Fall; one on Saturday one on week day; Pat B. and Frank T. to distribute Info to local Boards, OMERS, etc.

FOUNDATION – 2 initiatives – 1. UBC Nurses 2. Hamilton Health Sciences

Health:

Premiums to go up; approved in Oct; Steven Wong taking over Laurie's job; On-line submission receipts are very easy; Travel Insurance has improved 6%; better? Cost more? Don't know!

Newsletter:

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE: WINTER 2018:

All historical articles; include names of all past presidents, District 31 history, Newsletter history, list our PSTO, special events, old/new photos, member focus GOLD COPY: quality paper, mail out hard copy to members for keepsake, will be Expensive; extra monies for this event are already allocated to the Suicide Play, Standard 6 pages double-sided (300 grams), one extra paper = \$400, 3rd class Mailing cheaper than 1st, RPW, Wellness Wkshp, Luncheons, etc. on separate Sheets

Motion by Joyce Barnes that all members receive a hard copy Commemorative Newsletter in Jan. 2018 that will be a one time only extra expenditure; seconded By Marina Howlett; carried

WINTER NEWSLETTER DUE DATE – articles to Mary by Jan. 10, 2018 @ 9:00 am Commemorative Issue goes out end of January

SPRING NEWSLETTER DUE DATE – articles to Mary by March 21, 2018 @ 9:00 To printer - week of April 1st

Political Advocacy:

1. Christmas cards to MPP's and MP's
 2. Provincial Age-Friendly Committees: (see inserted white booklet handout)
- Includes Fact Sheets plus Questions to ask Political candidates

50th Anniversary:

COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS:

1. Book Cruisin' for Spring Luncheon 2018 (\$800 - \$1000)
2. Suicide Play 2018 – Provincial approved \$2000 for this; invite other groups; Invite Waterloo (District #11); invite various senior groups; reach out to public; Do in Spring, may have better attendance; need to advertise and promote event; Need DATE & VENUE: Nancy B. to check out actors' availability and get 3 dates In April 2018 (March?); Book Evergreen Centre (Guelph); have Food Bank Donations; have Prov. RTO/ERO name on everything; advertise! Have extra pages Posted around
3. Spring Luncheon Centrepieces – gold box/bow plus our logo; have gold paper With gold/blue candies inside; take home at end

Travel: Brenda (Lynn Morrison absent)

1. NYC – can book now
2. Come From Away – still waiting for 2nd bus from Great Canadian
3. Train Trips – no further dates yet but can sign up

Website: (John Ritchie absent)

Public Relations:

Nancy – nothing new to report

Rick – FACEBOOK PAGE: email your upcoming event dates to Rick to post on

Our Facebook page; some stuff can be boosted for a minimal cost (3days=\$20); (7 days=\$35)

8. Timed Event: 1:00 – 1:30 pm

PSTO 2018 Application – GO BEYOND: SPONSORING GUELPH SPECIAL OLYMPIANS FOR 2018 NATIONAL SUMMER GAMES

(See inserted application) asking for \$4000 to fund four of their athletes; need \$16,600 to send all athletes; totally charitable organization; some RTO members Involved; coaches are current teachers; EA's volunteers; etc.

COMMENTS: wouldn't go to local organization but to Special Olympics; both RTO And Special Olympics celebrating 50th Anniversaries; do PSTO application first But if request denied, we could give them a \$100-\$500 donation; could advertise In newsletters, Facebook, website to generate support for Special Olympics; 1st – apply to Provincial Charitable Donation for \$10 000 (if denied)

2nd - Do PSTO 2018 Application

Give our \$250 Norm Jary Donation to Special Olympics this year; give J.O.E More time to get charitable donation status; would they be willing to wait a year?

Motion by Joyce Barnes that we submit GO BEYOND: SPONSORING GUELPH SPECIAL OLYMPIANS FOR 2018 NATIONAL SUMMER GAMES as our PSTO 2018 Project; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

Rick to contact Steve Redmond and Steve O'Connell to finalize and write up The preliminary application; Brenda will also assist with the write up/editing Process for the final proposal

9. Christmas Donation: Suggestions

Follow same process as last year

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki that we donate for 2018, \$100 to Centre Wellington Food Bank: \$200 to Guelph Women In Crisis: \$100 to East Wellington Advisory Group and \$100 to Drayton Reformed Church/Drayton Food Bank; seconded by Mary Hermann; carried

10. Spring Luncheon: Thursday May 3, 2018 @ Italian Canadian Club Guelph

A. RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS LANDS: Brenda get "tribes" from Guelph City Hall; Rick research Wellington County for Fall; Mary G. has 1st Nations flag; invite Federation Presidents but OECTA blocks our RTO info; non-teaching staff under OSSTF umbrella; EA's more successful; invite someone on their exec's; post on Facebook

B. GUEST SPEAKER: Rick to contact Rich Prophet; invite Simon L. to event but not As a speaker

C. ENTERTAINMENT: tentative: Cruisin'

11. Other:

HUGE THANK YOU from Rick G. to all RTO executive members for Their support and hard work in making his campaign so successful! Special Thanks for Brenda and Marina for all their extra efforts and support.

DISTRICT 31 WELLINGTONEXECUTIVE OBJECTIVES/GOALS PLANNING –

(See white sheet insert)

1. Current Prov. Objectives/Strategic Plan 2020: do we need to be more precise About raising public awareness? (#5/#6)

2. Donations, Grants, Scholarship Policy: (Pg. 6)

#2 – put our monetary amounts in writing; #5 – consideration for donation

Amount given to RTO members vs. non-members #6 – advertise in newsletter

But no follow up posts on website or Facebook

Don't make changes to our Constitution until Provincial model is published in 12 to 18 months

CONCLUSION: possible amendment; possible additions; not repugnant to Prov.

Goals; our Constitution Objectives drive our budget; we are happy with both our

And Provincial Strategic Goals 2020

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Pat Bruder to adjourn meeting; seconded by Frank Tersigni; carried Meeting ended at 2:02 pm; Special thanks to Rick Goodbrand for ordering our Lunch from Swiss Chalet; Double thanks to Mike Curtis and Nancy Baker for Providing coffee and treats!