

**Retired Teacher's of Ontario
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday September 12, 2016 @ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

To Do List: *Brenda McGinnis*

1. Call To Order and Welcome: *Rick Goodbrand*

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

Absent: Marina Howlett

2. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: *Rick Goodbrand*

1. Mike Curtis leaving meeting at 11:30 am
2. Joe Tersigni resigning from RTO District #31 Executive

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki to approve the additions to the agenda; seconded By Carol Christie; carried

3. Approval of the June 6, 2016 Minutes: *Rick Goodbrand*

Add Joyce Barnes' name to 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Motion by Pam Niesiobedzki to approve amended June 6, 2016 minutes; Seconded by Mary Hermann; approved

4. Correspondence: *Rick Goodbrand*

5. Next Meeting Dates: *Rick Goodbrand*

December 5, 2016; March 20, 2017; June 5, 2017

6. Timed Item: *Rick Goodbrand*

Project Service To Others Presentation: *Marg Frayne*

S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation (see insert)

Notice of Motion for Dec. 5, 2016 moved by Rick Goodbrand to be resolved That RTO District #31 Executive approve for submission to the Provincial RTO/ERO Executive, the S.H.A.R.E. proposal as presented by Marg Frayne On Sept. 12, 2016 as RTO District #31's 2017 Project Service to Others proposal; Seconded by carol Christie; carried

7. Follow Ups: *Rick Goodbrand*

1. Fall Arts & Crafts Show AGM Luncheon: October 20, 2016
Three craft tables so far; Nancy B. will call/confirm if others coming;
Mary H. to get tablecloths/gift cards; Nancy B. to get centerpieces; Nancy B. & Pam N. to get theatre tickets; limit Gift cards to \$5-\$10 values; 50 new retirees Attending! Dave Kendall (2nd Vice-Pres.) guest speaker; Pam N. to introduce Entertainment; Nancy B. to thank him; Carol C. to say grace

Tentative Agenda: 8:30-9:00 – set up

10:00-11:15 – Social Time/Craft Sales

11:15-12:00 – Meeting

12:00-1:00 – Lunch * Jugs of water/not bottles

1:00 – 2:00 – Entertainment

2. Wellness Workshop: *Stephen O'Connell*

(See draft insert)

Nov. 2, 2016 @ Royal Distributing Athletic Performance Centre – Marden

Bring walking shoes and own refillable water container

Tentative Agenda: 8:30 – Arrival

9:00 – Motivational Speaker Nancy R.

10:00 - Wkshp. #1 - Best Doctors

10:30 - Break

10:45 - Wkshp. #2 – 211

11:15 - Motivational Speaker Nancy R.

Breakfast bars for snacks plus 2L of juice; Mary H. Nancy B. & Joan B. to purchase;

Change Newsletter Ad to bring own beverage container; special thanks to Steve

O'C. & Committee for organizing this event

8. Reports: *Rick Goodbrand*

President: *Rick Goodbrand*

A. Merit Travel: (see item 7d. in package insert)

We don't benefit; very expensive; we have responsibility to promote all options; CARP; CAA; Air Transit; Merit provides \$250 travel voucher at Provincial Senate; Mary H. to research if we can get a \$250 travel voucher for Fall Luncheon door Prize

B. Provincial Scholarship:

C. District Scholarship: Nov.4, 2016 @ 7:00 pm at John F. Ross HS; Carol C.

Volunteered to hand out scholarships to two recipients; Rick will inform them

D. P.E. Liaison Report – Questions/Concerns for David K. (see Highlights insert)

Email any questions/concerns to Rick

E. Topic for David K. 2nd Vice-President, for Oct. 20th meeting (see #7. Fall Luncheon notes)

F. 50th Anniversary Update: *Rick Goodbrand/Brenda McGinnis*

Prov. sending out memo of \$2000 subsidy grant to Districts for membership over 1000; add \$1 per person; Districts to spend reserves; organizing Committee to Meet Oct. 18th from 12-2 pm @ Guelph Country Club; Brenda to send out Reminder; article in Newsletter for ideas

G. Timelines on Ad Hoc Committee on Governance: (see last sheet of pkg.)

Rick meeting this Wed. to firm things up; Oct. 2017 may have motion to extend To May 2018; first meeting for ATM; in future Rick wants to join Prov. Executive, But wants to complete Ad Hoc first;

Revised Wellington District #31 Constitution Oct. 2016 – Brenda reviewed

Underlined changes; policies can be amended at District meetings; Marina and

Rick to attend Dec. meeting; who makes decision to remain on Exec. For extra

Year? Add the approval of the Executive at AGM

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that the new amended Goodwill Policy be Approved and effective immediately with the exception of 4a. which will take Effect Jan. 2017. Any established practice by the Goodwill Committee not covered Shall be continued; seconded by Brenda McGinnis; carried

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that it be resolved the Executive approved the new Amended Constitution Wellington District #31 2016 and will forward it to the AGM October 20, 2016 for consideration and approval; seconded by Brenda McGinnis; carried

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

Treasurer's Report: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated: Sept. 12, 2016)

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

June Meeting Follow Up: Jim Grieve speaker; 211 program – connects to Community Services; put info in newsletter; Carousel groups – 73,000 members Privacy Act via Simon L: Individual photos – ok if have signed permission with Personal info; Group photos – not necessary

Foundation Presentation on social isolation; Donation cards; Exchange of ideas For Goodwill; phoning and visits – if we do this, need more people on our Committee; new document for seniors on website; Joyce will include all 911 & 211 info in next newsletter; bring to Wellness Wkshp. as well

Membership and RPW: *Carol Christie*

All info in newsletter; RPW – Spring 2017; only one and probably on Sat. in April; Nil cost as Carol delivered booklets instead of giving back money

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Info in newsletter; gets info from Pharmacies & Health Canada helps keep costs Down; EPI pens are \$600 each in USA! 41% of US population can only buy US Products; Canada EPI's much cheaper; Johnson RTO Insurance just for Ontario; Up to 93 days in Quebec, Manitoba, BC, etc.

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Due date for Articles: Jan. 6, 2017

Longer – 12 pages in groups of 4; Wellness Workshop is insert; goes to printer Wed. Sept. 14th

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

Info in newsletter; special thank you for Stone Soup donations; Nestles' address In next newsletter; Up-Coming Events: Coalition/Social Justice – send to John to Post on our website; Oct. 16th – Town Hall – Climate Change Oct. 22nd – Water Watch Oct. 13th – Nylons performing at Acton Town Hall; final tour; CTRC Hidden Quarry; cost \$100/person; Mary H. send us email; next year Canada's 150th Birthday – do something special at Spring Luncheon to recognize/celebrate event

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

Stratford – 28 going; Washington – cancelled; see info in newsletter for Suggestions; when book with Great Canadian dates; can still go with alternate Group if our numbers are low

Website: *John Ritchie*

Contact emails: what rights/responsibilities do we have? If use email addresses, Goes out to all members

Digital vs. Paper? Only 278 (low); in Jan. newsletter tell members getting an Electronic one; send prior email to newsletter so can OPT OUT if don't want it; Are Districts a sub group of Data Base? Mail Chip – 2 or 3 subscriptions; have to be careful about UNSUBSCRIBE not cost; Try CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS to see if get larger attendance at events; John Needs time to set up with Charles; Rick to send email by Sunday Future Use: advertise Lynn's trips; Survey Monkey – send us ideas for Distribution, trips, etc.; Rick can add info in his emails

Public Relations: *Nancy Baker*

Thank you card from Action Read

8. Christmas Donations: *Rick Goodbrand*

Move to Dec. 5th meeting; review our policy and bring suggestions to next Meeting

9. Spring Luncheon: *Rick Goodbrand*

Date: Thursday May 4, 2017 at Italian Canadian Club, Guelph

Proposed Entertainment: Terry Conley (sp)?

10. Other: *Rick Goodbrand*

PSTO 2016: approved? Announced mid./late Sept.; Rick will let us know if Accepted

11. Adjournment: *Rick Goodbrand*

Rick Goodbrand declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm. Special thanks To both Mike Curtis for coffee and Nancy Baker for treats!