

**Wellington District 31 Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday Sept. 11, 2017 @ 9:00 am**  
**UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

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

**1. Welcome:**

Rick welcomed everyone to our September meeting.

**2. Approval of/Additions to Our Agenda:**

**Motion by** Carol Christie to approve the agenda; seconded by Brenda McGinnis;  
Carried

**3. Approval of the June 5, 2017 Minutes:**

**Motion by** Anne Smith to approve the June 5, 2017 minutes; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried

**4. Correspondence:**

None at this time

**5. Next Meeting Dates:**

1. Monday Nov. 27, 2017 in UGDSB Boardroom – 8:30 – 3:30
2. Monday March 26, 2018 in Boardroom --- 8:30 – 12:00
3. Monday June 9, 2018 in Room 9 – 8:30 – 12:00

**6. Follow Ups:**

**AGM Fall Luncheon/Arts & Crafts Show Oct. 26, 2017**

1. Invite J.O.E. to serve coffee; Pam to notify caterer (Nancy) not to provide coffee And treats; set up table about their organization
2. Innuendo: 2 members of band are coming as entertainment; cost = \$600; Nancy To thank group
3. Tablecloths: Mary H. to use up long & rounds of what we have, then purchase More if needed
4. Door Prizes: gift cards; (use up ones we have); Pam's theatre tickets
5. Centre pieces: Nancy B. to create/purchase a Halloween theme; give away at Event

**Wellness Workshop November 9, 2017**

"Be Healthy, Be Safe, Be Happy" Wkshps: 1. OPP – telephone/email scams  
2. Margaret Iutzi – balance/stability fitness 3. RTO – elder abuse  
\$10 per person; light refreshments/own water bottle; money to Mary;  
Sportplex rental payment of \$187.00 due Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>; Carol has Paramedic  
Fridge magnet to handout; Steve & Brenda to pick up refreshment; include  
Adult swim from 11:45 – 1:30 for \$4.25 on poster

Cost for Event:

1. Venue --- \$187.00
2. Marg. Iutzi --- \$100
3. OPP --- \$50 donation to Crime Stoppers
4. RTO – gift card for mileage

## **7. Reports:**

### **President:**

1. District 31 Scholarships:

David Craig – CHSS Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Mary Gittens

Annina Precepa – John F. Ross CVI Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Carol Christie

Ryan Young – Our Lady of Lourdes CSS June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pat Bruder

2. Ad Hoc Committee on Governance:

May Senate approved; covered in June; policies look more like older by-laws;

Oct. 1&2 – Pre- pre Senate: finalize policies; Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – goes forward for approval;

Steve, Anne going as Senators if Rick goes as Representative; Nancy will go as an

Observer; Option #2: Rick & Steve go as Senators; Anne & Nancy go as Observers

And share room; presently cost for extra Observers is \$500/room & \$75 for meals

Carol interested in going; goes for free if shares a room with Nancy and Rick goes

As a Representative; Rick will find out his role and email info; any

Questions/comments send to Rick, Steve and Anne

**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting** will decide long-term solution(s) for who goes/what pay?

Create Guidelines for future Senate participants

### **Pension & Retirement Concerns: Marina**

1. Constitution 2016: printed incorrectly; had to return it;

Donations Policy: #5 – \$1500 yearly allowance; need to fund raise extra money

for donations #7. Scholarships --- \$400 each; reflected in #8; highlight our

Donations in Newsletter; Health Services: some moderate changes for additional

Practitioners; Goodwill Policy: Prov. Member Services in charge of Goodwill;

Districts not responsible for providing aid to members in financial

Distress/natural disasters;

**Add to Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting's agenda:** suggestions/ideas on how to raise money for future donations, activities, etc.

2. Proposed Slate of Officers:

**Motion by** Brenda McGinnis that Rick Goodbrand's position as President is extended for one more year; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

Rick G. can take a leave and do both if he's elected to Prov. office;

Mary G. – Newsletter for 2-year term; Joan M. – Secretary for 1-year term;

Pam N. & Joan B. have both volunteered to take on secretary position;

**Serious issue:** no new members to take on our Executive positions; still have

Room for one more councilor; advertise in Newsletter; present/invite to AGM

Luncheon; personal contact

### **Treasurer: Mike**

(See report dated: August 31, 2017); we're in normal range

### **Goodwill: Joyce**

Bloomingtondale Florist (Drayton) – great to deal with; no charge to deliver to

Nursing Homes

Robinson's Florist (Guelph) – waived wire fee by cancelling order & gave phone

Number in Essex to order flowers for Nancy's sister

In November, will need more stamps; Mary H. to get two more rolls

### **Membership/RPW/Foundation: Carol**

Membership: 51 invitations to new members (Sept. 2016); RSVP's to Carol; Numbers in Newsletter Report

RPW: Ont. Districts have them in Sept., Oct. and Nov.; try a Fall one next year; Tentative dates for 2018: March 6, 7 8; have retired teacher(s) and/or associate(s)

Talk about what it's like to be retired; approach new retirees at Fall Luncheon and

Talk up their new life journey into retirement; have PP Presentation during Luncheon; create a coupon for "free meal" for one calendar year

Foundation: teleconference call Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>; Youth Farm Open House; Wellness Wkshp. Could also have Elder Care; RPW – councilor help

### **Health: Pat**

Recognized for our book donations; Health Matters: @ wkshp; Air/Ground Ambulance not paid for; Big Bucks! Need out-of-province coverage; RTO covers Ont. Only; Extended Health Care up 10-14%; name brand drugs up just under 5%; Premiums will increase; Staebler offers rent-a-car for 7 days; basement water Alert/flooding 10% discount off house insurance

### **Newsletter: Mary G.**

Due Date for Articles – Fri. Jan. 5, 2018 @ 9:00 am

Next Newsletter Date – out end of month

Almost done; waiting on one report; printed in Fergus; out in week; cheaper on White paper vs. coloured; only pictures from Official Opening of Youth Farm; no Names except four executives members who went

### **Political Advocacy: Brenda**

1. Coalition/Social Justice: other RTO members resigned when Brenda did

2. Political Advocacy: working on Rick G.'s campaign for Prov. Executive; allowed \$500; Rick goes & lobbies – costs zip; Brenda goes & shares her political knowledge Costs involved;

**Motion by** Brenda McGinnis that we have a \$500 allotment budget for Rick Goodbrand's Political campaign; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried Have little promo handouts – candies from Merrot

50/150 Celebrations:

Waterloo District #11 Ideas:

A. JAN. 2018: make the Newsletter a commemorative booklet; give it out;

B. PRINCESS THEATRE: choose 2 favourite teacher movies; 2018 can GLT and/or ELORA THEATRE do this?

C. SUICIDE PREVENTION GROUP/PLAY: we got Prov. funding; do this in NOV. 2018; could replace Wellness Workshop next year

D. JOINT MEETING BETWEEN DISTRICT 11 & 31:

(see sheet attached to agenda); arrange meeting at GOLF'S to collect/share ideas

**Travel: Lynn**

1. Niagara-on-the-Lake: Wed. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 am at Canadian Tire for Guelph pick up
  2. Lancaster: 35 booked
  3. NYC 2018: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>; final draft being finalized in newsletter
  4. Come From Away: Spring/Summer 2018; RTO members have advanced booking Till end of Sept; open to public after that
- Tentative Day Trips 2018:
1. South Simcoe Train Ride - \$95
  2. Tour of Toronto/Ghost Tour - \$95
  3. York/Durham Heritage Train Trip
- Lynn to ask preferences at Fall Luncheon

**Website: John**

Nothing new at this point

**Public Relations: Nancy**

Nothing new at this point; Costco will refill your printer ink cartridges but will void your warranty

**8. Christmas Donations: a. suggestions****9. Spring Luncheon: Thurs. May 3, 2018 @ Italian Canadian Club****10. Other Business:**

Moved to Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

**11. Adjournment: Rick**

**Rick Goodbrand** declared the meeting adjourned; seconded by Carol Christie; carried; Meeting ended at 11:57 am; Special thanks to Mike C. and Nancy B for Coffee and Treats!