

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday June 3, 2013 @ 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, Joyce Barnes, Pat Bruder, Rick Goodbrand, Joan Berry, Mary Hermann, Marina Howlett, Lynn Morrison, Joan Miller

Absent: John Ritchie

2. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Marina Howlett to approve the agenda; seconded by Carol Christie; Carried

3. Approval of the March 18, 2013 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the March 18, 2013 minutes; seconded by Mary Hermann; carried

4. Next Meeting Date: *Brenda McGinnis*

Monday September 30, 2013; booked

5. Requests: *Brenda McGinnis*

Community Living: Norm Jary Golf Tournament

Motion by Marina Howlett to pay \$250 to sponsor a hole in support of the Community Living: Norm Jary Golf Tournament, seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

Ad in Wellington Advisor in September: contact Brenda in Aug;

Motion by Joyce Barnes to pay up to \$200 in support of the "Don't Drink and Drive" ad, seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

6. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

Regulation 274 meeting this am; mandate to promote Wellness & Health; Pension Forum, what's happening now plus future, Fed. Gov't trying to get rid of Them, trying to start glorified RSP controlled by Insurance Co., not as good as Pension Plan, TTP trying to enhance CPP benefits; all major PPlans are saying Defined pension plans way to go; need to do outreach to all Pension Groups to Make retirement income sustainable; Marina will put her "teacher" article in Next newsletter, whole generation of teachers now where indexing is removed

President Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

Brief report on President's Wkshp: (see handout entitled: Your retirement, your RTO/ERO) A. Benefits B. Travel-Related Protocol C. Public Relations Primer; Give this info to new retirees; PR – Joan Berry working on "Senior Games" (see Magazine insert entitled: SGA 55+ District 26 Magazine) great publicity, will Discuss in later meeting; may sponsor "Special Olympics for Guelph/

Wellington"- Pat Bruder to contact Mary at Community Living and report back In Sept. Meeting; "Recruitment Discussion/Public Relations" – (see white sheet) For suggestions, we'll try to implement some of these ideas; Rick Goodbrand Talking to Waterloo Wellness & Health group, LHIN (Local Health Integrated Network) Meeting next April, join together with other Districts and set up Presentation, Brenda, Rick, Marina and Pam will contact other District presidents To invite them and their members to our luncheons, dinners, trips, Workshops, Etc.

Spring Senate: (see insert entitled: Resolutions Passed at the Spring Senate Meeting, May 14 - 15, 2013.) Harold Braithwaite is retiring, want to hire an Executive Head Hunting Firm, at full salary, to mentor his replacement for 10 Months, Harold B. only needed two half days,

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that Brenda McGinnis write a letter to the RTO/ERO Executive stating that District #31 is greatly apposed to the proposal that Harold Braithwaite's replacement be mentored for 10 months with full 6-figure salary; Seconded by Pat Bruder; carried.

Health: *Pat Bruder*

June 9/10 in Toronto for workshops, health costs increasing due to world-wide Aging population, OHIP reduced coverage to 20%, don't travel without 2 million Dollars coverage, W5 program reported nursing home clients being beaten or Murdered by other clients, could RTO be "watchdogs" to help these people?

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated: May 28, 2013)

Motion by Nancy Baker to approve May 28, 2013 financial report; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Oldest member turned 101 on Sat; sent her flowers; include names after Birthday in newsletter; **add** a "quiet repose" for people who have passed To our Spring Banquet agenda

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW: 52 confirmed, 80 came; sent out 15 letters to possible new retirees; Free notepad from head office to new retirees; Steve to pick up more from Kelly McDonald while in Toronto this week; have another RPW next year, can get 90 People; better presenter this year; "BLESS" Rick and Carol for staying till the end

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

Joanne Weekes on leave after father's death; Sue Jones will fill in until her Return in the fall; June 5& 6 in Toronto, focus WED: recruitment THURS: Meeting

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Target date for mailing: Thursday Sept. 19, 2013

Due date for articles: Thursday Sept. 5, 2013

Packing bee: Thursday Sept. 19, 2013 @ 9:30 am (Brenda's)

RTO bookmarks: send out in Sept. newsletter; add our dates for year; print 1500

Deadline for Fall Luncheon invitations to Pam by Sept. 5, 2013

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

New chair Dale Burley; good advocacy in Health; summary of all political parties
Of where they stand on issues

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

Agawa: to date 41 going - Sept. 23 - 27

Stratford: 33 booked - Oct. 18

Have extra money from people mentioning RTO when booking trips with Great Canadian; at present \$500 subsidy for trips, may have to increase it to \$600 in Future; next newsletter provide answers to survey comments, tell how we Subsidize luncheons, trips, etc. SUGGESTIONS: 1. up costs for day trips 2. give \$50 gift coupon for next trip at Spring/Fall Luncheons 3. explore other travel Groups; Great Canadian arranging trip to Boston in 2014

Website: *John Ritchie (absent) Brenda McGinnis*

Put some of our history on site; include previous RTO Golf/ Curling Tournaments, past executive members, etc.; info in files

Public Relations: *Rick Goodbrand*

Scholarship/Bursary: Recommended three equal scholarships: 2 for Public High Schools and 1 for Separate High Schools; go to students who overcame great Adversity;

Motion by Rick Goodbrand be it resolved that a RTO/ERO District #31 Scholarship be established to be awarded annually to three secondary Graduating Students in equal amounts as follows: 1. two scholarships to UGDSB (Wellington) students and one scholarship to Wellington Separate DSB 2. the Board's criteria to be established by RTO/ERO District #31 Executive and 3. the Selection is at the sole discretion of each Board; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried RTO specify criteria, students write 500 word essay when apply, schools select Students and include written summary for why selected, Board decides chosen Candidates

Charitable Foundation: *Rick Goodbrand*

Raised \$500 000 in three years; projected goal was \$3 Million; need to mention It's a worthwhile project and needs to be addressed at all general meetings; Speak at RPW; only 1 000 people out of 69 000 have contributed; if everyone Donated \$50 we would reach our goal; may extend deadline; was mentioned at Senate; continue till reach \$3 Million goal?

7. Survey Results: *Brenda McGinnis*

Implications for next year - (see white sheets) 2 luncheons next year as apposed To dinner

Motion by Nancy Baker to have a Luncheon in the of Spring 2014 instead of a Dinner; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried

Tentative date: Thursday May 8, 2014 @ Victoria East Golf Course; follow our Fall agenda; buffet menu; put date on bookmark; Entertainment ?; when meet In Sept. need to know executive slate; possible candidates for 2nd Vice are:

1. Mike Essex 2. Doreen Roussey ; need PR Committee with chair; approach People to attend Sept. meeting and ask them to sign up; see last sheet in Survey Results

8. Fall Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

Planning - see green sheet; final planning in September

9. Wellness Workshops: *Brenda McGinnis*

Survey Results: final planning in Sept., have Wkshp in Guelph in PM; watch Website; on bookmark; Health/Wellness Committee compose agenda (Carol, Rick, Nancy, Anne, Brenda); meet in summer and put in newsletter

10. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

11. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Carol Christie to adjourn meeting; seconded by Mary Hermann; Carried; meeting concluded at 12:03 pm. Special thanks to Mike Curtis and Nancy Baker for providing coffee and treats.