

Retired Teachers of Ontario District 31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday March 29, 2010 at 9:00am
UGDSB Room 4 moved to Boardroom, Guelph, ON

“ Having fun with your team creates a magical bond like nothing else you can do”

1. Call to order and welcome: Stephen O'Connell

Present: Stephen O'Connell, Joan Miller, Pam Niesiobedski, Brenda MacGinnis, Mike Curtis,
Pat

Bruder, Nancy Baker, Carol Christie, Marina Howlett, Mary Hermann, John Ritchie

Absent: Margie Zuccala, Anne Smith, Lynn Morrison

2. Approval of/additions to the Agenda: Stephen O'Connell

no additions or removal

Motion to approve the agenda moved by: Pat Bruder; seconded by: Pam Niesiobedski; carried

3. Approval of/Amendments to the minutes from November 30, 2009 meeting: Stephen O'Connell

#5. Remove Community Centre to just Curling Club; #9. Change rural name to “East Wellington Community Services”; change Brenda McInnis to Brenda MacGinnis

Motion to approve the minutes as amended/read moved by: Brenda MacGinnis; seconded by: Mary Hermann; carried

4. Reports:

Pension/Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

annual meeting was Friday; some improvements; investments growing slowly; 95/20 discussed; some retired teachers working in Board offices or Toronto beyond 95 days; 95 to 50 days suppose to be ready for March and implemented in Sept. 2010 but not going to happen; end of April Marina will write up report and put on website.

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

Workshop April 13, 2010, Mike going; Financial Report: (see insert)

February 12, 2010 First installment \$8112.50 (\$14.27 per member)

Request – Barbara Curson (519) 767-9609; Tytler Breakfast Program needs a donation; enough money until June 2010; not good to support one school only; therefore, make a donation to Food and Friends program in the fall because it supports all schools in Guelph not just one; Steve will phone Barb Curson and tell her to contact Lenna Pengally

Motioned by: Pat Bruder to accept the Financial Report dated Dec. 31, 2009; seconded by: Marina Howlett; carried

Goodwill: *Margie Zuccala (absent) Brenda MacGinnis*

Report from March 7-8, 2010 Workshop: excellent; organized; helpful; writing article for newsletter; other districts impressed; took our Goodwill Policy; computer access from John Ritchie was greatly appreciated; need to send cards to associate members too;

Motioned by: Pat Bruder to recognize associate and full members equally at the district level; seconded by: Nancy Baker; carried.

Membership: *Carol Christie*

Retirement Planning Workshop- April 14, 2010@ Victoria Park East from 6:30 to 9:30 pm; deadline to register is April 9, 2010 (\$5.00 fee will be reimbursed that evening) Carol trying to schedule it so first part of workshop is for all employees and second part for teachers; Provincial subsidy for RTO members(\$6 per person); they control workshop setup; have OMERS workshop same time as Teachers Pension Workshop in separate room (would cost extra for separate room); Senior management could be included; RTO info needs to be more public; free advertising in Tribune, Wellington Advertiser, plus posters; RTO information to ALL BOARD MEMBERS (public and separate); flyers to Nancy, Pat, Marina to distribute to schools; need RTO rep at Senate with packages; Carol will contact Toronto

Motioned by: Pat Bruder to have our RTO packages available to both Board offices and ALL employee groups seconded by: Carol Christie; carried

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Workshop June 15, 2010: copy of latest brochures from Steve; info in newsletter article; still not using all of our services

Newsletter: *Anne Smith(absent)*

Time line: info sent by email; Stephen read info; (see insert); two changes: 1. April 20th -newsletters in mail
2. April 30th – response due to Mike for dinners

Political Action: *Brenda MacGinnis*

info in newsletter; Coalition For Social Justice @ War memorial Hall: video entitled: “Poor No More” narrated by Mary Walsh (see insert); suggested donation \$10; commitment from local politicians to be there; Federal and Provincial budgets not too bad; “no slash and burn”

Travel: *Lynn Morrison(absent)*

1. Mystery Tour- June 8th 2. Stratford to see Evita- Oct. 28th ; sign up at Spring Dinner

Website: *John Ritchie*

Workshop June 7-8, 2010; John not going; checked out “cookie cutter” website; not going to happen; posted info needs approval from President plus 2 or 3 members; put “Poor No More” on website

5. President's Report: *Stephen O'Connell*

Provincial meetings- April 6, 2010 Project Service to Others; if Belize Project accepted, Stephen will send info and presentation will be done at the Spring Dinner on May 12th

April 7, 2010 Constitution; examine changes made to ours and see if acceptable

President's Workshop- April 14-15, 2010 Stephen going

Spring Dinner- May 12, 2010@ Victoria Park East; contact Wendy Gotmers @ (519) 821- 2211 ext. 23

Agenda:

Johnson Insurance Travel Workshop/Presentation: 4:30

Social: 5:30 open cash bar

Dinner: 6:00 appetizer trays on tables; chicken or vegetarian main courses; platter to table format for dinner; dessert buffet; info to Anne; cost same as last year

Project Service to Others: 7:15 (if accepted)

Entertainment: 7:45 Dave Hadfield (\$350 plus dinner for both he and his wife)

Motioned by: Pat Bruder to approve a budget of \$150 for door prizes at the Spring Banquet; seconded by: Mary Hermann; carried

Invited Guests: Simon Liebovitz, Jim Sparrow? Simon is coming; Steve to invite Jim Sparrow; he will also contact and invite President for Waterloo District (Pat Canon) and President for Dufferin District

Pre-Senate Meeting:

May 14, 2010 @ Brantford/Paris; Stephen O'Connell and Brenda MacGinnis to attend

Spring Senate: May 17- 19, 2010

members attending: Stephen O'Connell, Brenda MacGinnis, Carol Christie, Lynn Morrison to attend

Fall Luncheon: October 20, 2010

Elora District Community Centre: (519) 846- 0411 Contact: Casey @ (519) 843- 2800

Caterer: Judy Eden (519) 848- 2785

cost was \$15 per person last year; invite Dufferin Members; leave until next meeting (May)

Fall Senate: October 25- 27, 2010

Senator 1: Stephen O'Connell Senator 2: Brenda MacGinnis

Observer 1: Carol Christie Observer 2:

will decide 4th person at next meeting

Holiday Greetings from ARC Industries and Norm Jary Golf Tournament Committee: received Christmas card in March (see insert)

6. Next Meeting: Fri. May 28, 2010 @ 9:00 am UGDSBoard Office; confirmed

Need to change September 13th to one of the following choices: September 7, 8, 9 or 20.; changed to Wed. Sept. 8, 2010;

Remaining meetings: Nov. 29, 2010; Mar.7, 2011; May 30, 2011

Coffee by: Mike Curtis Treats By: Nancy Baker for Friday May 28, 2010 meeting

7. Other: *Stephen O'Connell*

1. Royal City Musical Productions Inc.

program advertising (2 show rate) business card ad for Spring and Fall shows; out by April10th ; will cost \$90 for "Pirates"-225 audience/performance plus \$31.50 for "Fiddler"- 725 audience/performance totaling \$121.50; email info to John and Mike; Caledon Theatre offers same deal for \$100; will hit Dufferin crowd; gave 2 free tickets as door prizes; belongs to another district; bring up at next meeting

2. YM/WCA Sharks Program – RTO donate \$250 to swimming programs; need to set up a PR committee to get info on community programs that we could support; email ideas to Pam Niesiobedski or bring to next meeting; need extra meeting (Fri. May 28, 2010); John make up ad for computer website

3. SNAP newspaper come to dinners

4. Application for Committee Member 2010 – passed to Marina Howlett

5. Application for Provincial Executive Office – with Stephen O'Connell

8. Adjournment:

Mary Hermann motioned to adjourn meeting. Pat Bruder seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting concluded @ 11:53 am. Special thanks to Nancy Baker and Mike Curtis who supplied the treats and coffee.