

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday March 18, 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, Joan Miller

Absent: John Ritchie, Marina Howlett, Lynn Morrison

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

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the agenda; seconded by Stephen O'Connell; carried

3. Approval of the November 26, 2012 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Amendment: change PRW to RPW

Motion by Stephen O'Connell to approve amendments of the Nov. 26, 2012 minutes; Seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

4. Next Meeting Date: *Brenda McGinnis*

Change May 27th to June 3rd; booked; book fall meetings in August

5. President's Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

a) Charitable Foundation: Rick Goodbrand is our Rep; will be under reports to keep us Up to date

b) Project Service to Others: Drama Festival 2013; best yet, excellent plays with Professional adjudication, great publicity for us; Next Year's Request: Literacy Circle Guatemala; money allotted for supplies not wages

c) Nomination for Charity

d) Presidents' Workshop – April 28-29

e) Senate – May 13 – 15; Rick, Carol, Anne, Brenda going

f) Pre-Senate May 9th Waterloo; Rick, Anne, Brenda going

6. Wellness Workshop: *Brenda McGinnis*

Brenda compiling info from survey that was sent out with application form; will email Results to us when done; good ideas; 78 responses; see Planning Sheet for more notes

7. Scholarship/Award Report: *Rick Goodbrand*

Rick has been working full-time; will postpone till next meeting

8. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

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

Retired teachers don't worry

Health: *Pat Bruder*

June 9-10 in Toronto; get proposals and changes then; some increases in benefits; Private moved down to semi; concern about increase in drug cost; get info at Fall Senate; many variants with Dispensing Fees; 30 minutes with pharmacist will help Keep your meds straight; give free notes as well!

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated March 18, 2013)

Motion by Mary Hermann to approve March 18, 2013 Financial Report; seconded by Anne Smith; carried

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Mary purchased 100 stamps at Costco for \$58.90; recipients very grateful; many sent Return thank you cards for special cards, gifts, etc.

Motion by Joyce Barnes (in accordance with the 2009 Constitution's Policy Addition #3 and Recommendation #4), Beginning Jan. 2013, the Goodwill Committee will send A rose in vase (cost \$25) to members celebrating their 90th and 95th birthdays and a Bouquet of flowers (cost \$50) to members who are celebrating their 100th and 100+ Birthdays; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried; account with Robinson's Flowers in Guelph; send bill to Mike

Membership: *Carol Christie*

Give out or post RPW posters; on April 10th need people at 4:30 pm to help with set-up And registration; (Steve, Joan B., Anne, Brenda, Rick) on desk; (Nancy, Brenda) Rick to talk about semi-retirement; Carol to talk about full-retirement; money to Carol By April 2nd; Brenda to receive and send out Retirement Letter to new people; Planning to put in package: Retirement Letter/Invitation, Health Plan Info, Luncheon Date/Invitation, any extra copies of Health Matters

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

Sue Jones is chair until Joanne Weekes comes back from leave of absence; just Completed OECTA meeting (March 15th); Provincial had only 300 handouts for 700 people; all gone first day! Next meeting April 2nd and 3rd in Toronto; each Chair responsible for their part of the report

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Articles due: March 29th; Packing Bee: April 10th @ 9:30 at Brenda's; shrink Financial report and Executive list to fill four pages; insert Spring Banquet info; fold In half to fit smaller envelope

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

We belong to Coalition for Social Justice (Guelph); Brenda paid \$50 membership fee;

Motion by Brenda to reimburse/pay our \$50 membership fee to Coalition for Social Justice; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried;

AOWG "disgruntled person" complains about RTO promotions; thinks we're too Partisan; in their opinion, we should focus more on gov't waste

Travel: *Brenda McGinnis (Lynn Morrison absent)*

Brenda will email her so she can put trip information in up-coming newsletter

Website: *Brenda McGinnis (John Ritchie absent)*

Positive feedback from surveys

Public Relations: *Brenda McGinnis*

Positive results from Drama Festival 2013

9. Spring Banquet: *Brenda McGinnis*

Planning (see attached sheet for comments)

10. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Fall Luncheon: Pam Niesiobedzki

Pam to contact Nancy at Fergus Community Centre for Oct. 24th; discussed possible Entertainment: 1st Dave Hatfield, 2nd Cruisin', 3rd Wendel Ferguson; entertainment Begins around 1:00 pm; new retirees receive free invitation; if retire in January, April, Etc. will be invited to Fall Luncheon so no one is missed; Carol will give Retirement Letters to Anne to hand out at OTF Retirement Banquet; hand out at UGDSB Wine And Cheese;

PA System: Carol Christie

Can get good system for \$300; test it first?

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that Carol Christie and Pat Bruder investigate and Possibly buy a PA System with a potential cost of up to \$500; seconded by

Nancy Baker; carried

11. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Pat Bruder to adjourn meeting; seconded by Stephen O'Connell;
Carried; meeting concluded at 11:40 am. Special thanks to Mike Curtis and
Nancy Baker for providing coffee and treats.