

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday March 24, 2014 @ 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, Carol Christie, Mike Curtis, Joyce Barnes, Pat Bruder, Rick Goodbrand, Joan Berry, John Ritchie, Marina Howlett, Joe Tersigni, Anne Smith, Joan Miller

Absent: Mary Hermann, Lynn Morrison, Mike Essex

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

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the agenda; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki;
Carried

3. Approval of the November 6, 2013 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Add to Public Relations: Next year consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul

Motion by Nancy Baker to approve addition to the November 6, 2013 minutes;
Seconded by Stephen O'Connell; carried

4. Next Meeting Day: *Brenda McGinnis*

Spring Luncheon: Thursday May 8, 2014

Friday May 23, 2014

5. Planning for May Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

Thursday May 8, 2014 at Victoria East Golf Club
(see green planning sheet)

6. Planning for Newsletter: *Brenda McGinnis (Ann Smith)*

Date newsletter mailed: Friday April 11, 2014

Articles Due: Wednesday April 2, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

(See purple sheet); **Advertising Policy** needs to be updated; last update was in 2005; need to include website; NOT-FOR-PROFIT needs clarification; executive Needs to put criteria in writing; standard payment for ad is \$25; set up small Committee to prepare update and present at Sept. 8, 2014 meeting; Committee Members are: Marina, Rick, Pam, John, and Steve

Newsletter Format: 8 to 12 pages; write shorter articles this time so flyer for Spring Luncheon can be included; put one newsletter in each school; need to Service our members first

Time-Line Issue: need to plan newsletter dates at same time as meeting dates
So not scrambling to put it together; In future; have small group assist Anne
With compiling newsletter; however, if enough time is given, small group would Assist with proofreading only; all articles done in Times New Roman size 12; send Copies to schools through Board mailbag; 25 copies to Nancy (for separate board) 75 copies to Marina (for public board); extra copies to Carol for RPW; Carol will Have extras printed;

7. Scholarship Fund/Award: *Rick Goodbrand*

Motion by Rick Goodbrand that the RTO-ERO District 31 Scholarship is allocated A total of \$1200 for 2014 Secondary School graduates. The Scholarship and the Total allocated are to be reviewed annually, no later than the end of March of the Scholarship year. Seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

8. Special Olympics: *Pat Bruder*

Last nine years Dominic's No Frills sponsor; thank you recognition from Andrea Welsh-Devon sent to Pat; need money to upgrade their equipment; will get our Name out there; in summer we sponsor "Independent Living"; Gr. 3 to 11 kids; Can designate where money goes; Board provides bussing; turn out is Unbelievable;

Motion by Pat Bruder that RTO-ERO District #31 supports the Special Olympics Program 2014 by donating \$250 to assist wherever needed. Seconded by Carol Christie; carried

9. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

Going to Pension/retirement forum

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Upcoming Workshop: June 8th and 9th; need more up-to-date comparison chart; RTIP 2014 had better benefits than RTO (Johnsons); New protocol with Partners Suppose to be out in 2013, but still not; strengths of RTO plan on website; we Have group plan; others are individual; our rates don't increase as you age, RTIP Rates change at 65 and 70; Johnson Inc. good plan but other companies are Comparable; travel insurance cheaper through CAA; why are we not tendered? RTO owns Johnson Inc.

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See financial report dated: march 24, 2014.)

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Stamps' price will increase March 31st - \$1 each or \$0.85 each/coil; many thank You cards from members who received special event cards, bouquets, etc.

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW – April 10, 2014 at Victoria East Golf Club; need associate/retired teacher(s) To talk about retirement at workshop; need 3 people on registration (5 to 6 pm); Nancy, Rick, Brenda, Joan B.; tell people to send cheque to Carol in advance; price \$5 (non-refundable); pays for food and hall; Doug Cook post RPW on First Class And Stewards; John to contact Linda B. (Board office) to put out to all members; Print 250 flyers so Marina doesn't have to print more; in late April send Letter of Welcome to potential retirees; new members get one complimentary ticket to Fall Luncheon (Thursday Oct.16, 2014) in Fergus; if bringing guest, they pay; end of May/June send invitation to all members who joined RTO; May 29th Nancy will Hand out Package to separate school retirees; Marina to do same for public school Retirees at their banquet

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

AGM – had 400 handouts Fri. night; by Sun. AM only 10 left! Next meeting: April

7th and 8th; planning Sept. Recruitment Wkshp; two people could go; Goodwill and Other topics on agenda; spend part of annual grant on Goodwill; will have key Note speaker; Key Service Contact Chart – See white insert sheet; RTO official Spokesperson for Retired Teachers Pension Plan; we have a political voice! Salaries for Provincial RTO Executives hot topic after Fall Senate; newest member Against legislation of salary; exception for expenses; have fixed amount for President's expenses and salary

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to renew our \$50 membership to the Guelph – Wellington Coalition For Social Justice; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried Spring 2014 newsletter addresses issues and concerns involving Canada Post, Our Veterans, Federal Fair Vote Bill, Chamber of Commerce request for feedback From retired seniors; Senior Driver License changes; if Provincial election, Coalition will have nights where parties can present their platforms; RTO Strong advocate and meets regularly with all politicians

Travel: *Brenda McGinnis (Lynn Morrison absent)*

Hamilton Tour June 18th; Royal Botanical Gardens, Harbour Cruise/Luncheon, Dundurn Castle Tour, cost - \$92

Toronto Yacht Cruise Sept. 10th cancelled; replace it with Walters Family Show, Sept. 12th or 13th look in to it

Boston/Salem Tour Sept. 22 – 26 book through Great Canadian

Shaw Festival to see Cabaret Oct. 24th cost \$89

Lynn back from Florida by April 12th

Website: *John Ritchie*

"Something to Shout About" will use our current feed; we send it to John; if Sending pictures, make sure you have person's permission to post; we need to Look for these people! Send to John AND newsletter

Public Relations: *Brenda McGinnis*

Improving in our newsletters, ads; advertise our luncheons both before and after In free newspapers "Community Events" section; CTV also has Community Events Can we put ours in? CJOY needs info 3 months in advance; nice to see more Volunteers for GLT and RCMPI; wear RTO nametag when volunteering; Carol has Extra plastic covers; Active volunteer button to wear when they do; going to host Again Drama Festival in 2015

10. Wellness Workshop: *Brenda McGinnis*

No meeting due to winter weather; Chamber of Commerce Seminar; Guelph Police does it for free; one-hour presentation on all scams, frauds, clothes boxes, Etc. good for seniors; could do 3 presentations in one day; need a place and date; ICC small room - \$150, holds 80 people; Zehrs Community Room holds 50 people; Legion on Watson Rd. possible; Church Basements – Knox Presbyterian; GLT Rents out in fall; Brenda will call meeting end of April to discuss/investigate Details; Pat to get Legion info to Brenda; do in Fall 2014

11. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Joan Berry and Marina Howlett will help with "In Memoriam" at Spring Luncheon

Have non-flame candle, music? flower? Spring Senate May 12 to 14; Brenda. Rick, Pat and Joan B. going; Rick is driving; Recruitment Workshop Sept. 14 and 15; Send 1 or 2? Membership chair (Stephen), Carol C. and Joyce B. to go; make sure Carol and Joyce get info in summer

12. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Pat Bruder to adjourn meeting; no second! Concluded at 11:45 am; Special thanks to Nancy Baker and Mike Curtis for providing treats and coffee.