

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Friday May 23, 2014 @ 9:00am
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, Mary Hermann, Joan Miller

Absent: Lynn Morrison, Mike Essex

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

Add: Review of Spring Luncheon and Venue

Discussion: Positive feedback - great entertainment; organization

Negative feedback – food portions and taste; person on computer

Device; in future announce: “please turn off all cell phones, etc.

Possible Future Venues/person Responsible to Collect Information:

1. Springfield Golf Course – Carol
2. Ariss valley Golf Couse – Mary (Fall)
3. Hanlon Convention Centre – Marina
4. Ukrainian Church – Anne (Churches)
5. Italian Canadian Club – Pat
6. Cutten Fields/Club – Pam
7. Arboretum – Pam
8. Woodlawn Country Club – Steve

Accommodate 80 – 100 people; bring info to Sept. 8th meeting

No Motion:

3. Approval of the March 24, 2014 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Mary Hermann to approve the March 24, 2014 minutes; seconded
By Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

4. Next Meeting Dates: *Brenda McGinnis*

Monday September 8, 2014

Thursday October 16, 2014 – Fall Luncheon *

Monday December 1, 2014

Monday March 2, 2015 – tentative

Monday May 25, 2015 – tentative

5. Requests: *Brenda McGinnis*

Community Living: Norm Jary Golf Tournament:

Motion by Pat Bruder to sponsor a hole for \$250 in the Norm Jary Golf Tournament; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried

John to make a “poster – sized” ad for tournament and put on website

Ad In Wellington Adviser in September:

Motion by Pat Bruder to publish a “Back to School” ad in the September Wellington Adviser; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried
Drama Festival:
Thinking about Pam Niesiobedzki’s request to sponsor \$250 in next year’s Drama Festival

6. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

Brief Report on Spring Senate: *Rick Goodbrand, Carol Christie, Pat Bruder, Joan Berry*

\$3M transfer and relationship with Charitable Foundation; 138 centenarians In RTO; \$92 M in RTO reserves; Pension earned 2.4 Billion; \$142 Billion total Worth; earned 10.5 % more; group plans – taxed; individual plans - not taxed; 2800 teachers over 65 still working; convalescent care moving into semi-private; “Cruisin” good but not as much singing as with us;
Guest Speaker – Dr. Straus - pro-active research; (done in hospital before Something happens) was excellent;

See inserted article entitled: Spring Senate Highlights (Renaissance Summer 2014) for further information

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

Slight surplus; slight adjustment for cost of living clause (COLA)

President Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

Our turn to host Pre-Senate in October; need to book place and provide lunch; Book one of our choices mentioned in Spring Luncheon Review; accommodation For 25 people

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Wkshp. June 8-9 in Toronto; Mark Timkins Head of Provincial Health Group; our Relationship with Shoppers DM not good; still in transparency; weaknesses in our Plan; other extended health plans are cheaper (CAA) if out of country 62+ days; Maybe consider other companies besides Johnson Inc.; Johnson’s travel coverage Is excellent; can we add to our private practitioners list? Health Matters in Renaissance (see insert); Pat will put names of drugs NOT COVERED after 65 in Next newsletter

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated May 8, 2014); after bills paid have surplus balance approx.

\$4600.00; Grants to our District: 2014 - \$17,098

2015 - \$17,799

2016 - \$18,500

Most Districts receive \$14.10 per member; if smaller number of members Receive \$81 - \$82 per member; possible amalgamation? Mileage may be an Issue

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Have 2centenarians; In Memoriam went over well; do again next Spring; Mary to Check out Cosco to buy stamps; bring to Sept. meeting; get 4 rolls – 3 for Joyce; 1 For Carol; committee runs from Jan. to Dec. so reorganize then; Roses @ \$20 for 90 – 95; Bouquets @ \$50 for 100+; still receive thank you cards/notes from Recipients

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW should be on Saturday so custodians can come; want to go to Recruitment Workshop to push idea not to talk so much about Teacher Retirement concerns; Teacher info on website; 106 people at RPW; have 25 – 30 kits to keep for us or Give away to retiring people; having RPW in march/April; date not set; may have To increase cost

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

June 5th and Sept. 14 – 15th last two meetings; applied for extension; preparing for Recruitment Workshop; each district to produce 3-way poster display of their Activities to promote the district for Sept. 14-15th workshop; thrust from Provincial to have 1.yearly RPW's every year; 2.to attract associate memberships From colleges, universities, private schools; each district to approach Education Centres and recruit them; need HR reps; huge distribution; who paying for Materials? Provincial give us human resource contacts; focus on one Ed. Centre Per year; Provincial provide distribution materials; Concerns: Universities have own retirement organizations? Timing – finish in April not June; Provincial should contact Ed. Centre first and then us; need clear Answers to these concerns; take info to workshop to see if can be resolved

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Needs organization a month prior to date; need Mike's address & phone number Plus Brenda's phone number on sheet; increase pages (8 – 12); need a price for Publication/paper; should be minimal; Mike predicts \$75.00

Target Date for Mailing: **Sept. 18th**

Articles to Anne: **Sept. 5th midnight**

Anne to Printer: **Sept. 11th**

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

June 12th – Election - VOTE !

June 4th – Coalition for Social Justice: focus on Social issues, Environment, Climate Changes etc.

Travel: *Brenda McGinnis (Lynn Morrison absent)*

Trip Status:

June 18 – Hamilton – 17 booked

Sept. 11 – Walters – no one

Sept. 22 – 26 – Boston/Salem – 30 booked

Oct.24 – Cabaret – 20 booked

Website: *John Ritchie*

Nancy "on fire" with email pictures; changed health page; revamped questions in Carol's brochure; RTO website has more info on Drugs not covered @ age 65 (2014); "Shout About" – send info to John; get info from newsletter; "We Give" Page: what and how we benefit community; KUDOS to John and Carol for Creating an awesome brochure!!!

Public Relations: *Brenda McGinnis*

1. Scholarship/Bursary Fund: heard from Catholic Board; will rotate through Schools each year; Lourdes receiving it this year; no word from Public Board As of yet - keep us informed

2. Senior Games: *Joan Berry* volunteers needed; dates: June 2nd to 13th; 200+

Participants; had to buy medals, stopwatches, breakfasts at Evergreen Centre, etc.
Most games at Evergreen Centre (except golfing)

7. Fall Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

Planning – see green sheet; Spring invite Liaison; Fall invite Provincial President

8. Wellness Workshops: *Rick Goodbrand*

Nov. 14th @ Golf Steak House; Topics: Waterloo/Wellington LIHN (Local Integrated Health Network); Johnson Eldercare Program; Brenda and Rick to Meet with Waterloo personal to organize
Wellness Workshops VS Wellness Fairs; Workshops focus on learning; Fairs focus On “home show” format; (walk around/buy products from different booths);
Most people want “Fair” format;

Committee members: Joan B., Carol, Nancy, Brenda

9. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Stephen O’C: Application for Charitable Donation; 4 other districts had dog-Related projects so all were cancelled; Alzheimer’s project won; Special Olympics On today at St. James; our name on brochure; Pat bring to next meeting; Spring Luncheon: book donations were excellent – 72 books (adult & kids) going to Action Read Centre in Guelph; Joe T. running for trustee position with Catholic Board; know after June 12th; nominating committee wish to nominate current President to continue her post for another year

Motion by Rick Goodbrand to nominate Brenda McGinnis as President for Another year. Also to include Rick Goodbrand as First Vice-President and Stephen O’Connell as Second Vice-President; seconded by Carol Christie; carried
Give Mike Essex option to be on executive for another year

10. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Pat Bruder to adjourn meeting; seconded by John Ritchie (for both this Meeting and March 24,2014); carried Concluded at 11:55 am.
Special thanks to Mike Curtis for coffee and Nancy Baker for treats!