

**Retired Teachers of Ontario District 31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday November 30, 2009@ 9:00 am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

“Belief fuels enthusiasm and enthusiasm explodes into passion. It fires our souls and lifts our spirits”

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

Present: Stephen O'Connell, Joan Miller, Lynn Morrison, Pam Niesiobedzki, Brenda McInnis, Anne Smith, Mike Curtis, Pat Bruder, Nancy Baker, Carol Christie, Marina Howlett, Margie Zuccala, Mary Hermann, John Ritchie(reinstated)

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

no additions or omissions

Motion to approve the agenda moved by: Pat Bruder; seconded by: Margie Zuccala; carried

3. Approval of/ Amendments to the minutes from September 14, 2009 meeting:

Amend #6 Elections- Slate to read: Goodwill from vacant to Margie Zuccala; Website from vacant to John Ritchie; OECTA Liaison from Pam Niesiobedzki to Nancy Baker; Shopper from Margie to Margie Zuccala; Add Social Pam Niesiobedzki;
Change Pat Cameron to Pat Canon the new President for Waterloo District

Motion to approve the minutes as amended moved by : Joan Miller; seconded by: Carol Christie; carried

4. Project – Service to Others Presentation: Marg Frayne (519 843-3274) *see insert*

Title of Project: Supporting Mayan Youth in Belize

Projected goals; attaining goals; local agencies; funding/expenses are clearly laid out in document

Motioned by: Marina Howlett to accept the proposed application for funding for the 2010

Project entitled: Supporting Mayan Youth in Belize; seconded by: Brenda McInnis; carried
Marina Howlett or Anne Smith to contact Marg Frayne; Stephen O'Connell to submit proposal to Provincial Office after Christmas

concerns were noted that no local groups were present today to seek assistance; executive members need to contact local groups to fill out forms and apply for funding; Stephen has forms put information on both our website and Provincial's website front page “Service to Others”;

John Ritchie to check it out

5. Reports:

Pension/Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

TPP working on next evaluation; may be this coming year (up to 3 years to file); may increase contributions

Pension Reform: marketing strategies are happening; larger the plan, the more opportunities for investments; enhance CPP; force companies to make contributions so people go in to retirement with more stable monies

concerns about 95/20 days; thinking of a given number (50) to replace it; take 2 to 3 years for implementation

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

Nov. 10 request for RIDE ad in Mercury- \$95.50 plus GST

Motioned by: Mike Curtis to sponsor and pay for the RIDE program ad again this year; seconded by: Pam Niesiobedzki; carried;

Financial Report; (see insert)

give financial expense statements form to John Ritchie to put on website;

Motioned by: Mike Curtis to accept the Financial Report dated Nov. 30, 2009; seconded by: Pat Bruder; carried

cheque for \$100.00 dated Sept. 2007 to Arthur Community Centre (Curling Club) was never cashed; Marina Howlett suggested the amount be changed to \$200.00 and resent;

Motioned by: Mike Curtis to reissue the amended cheque of \$200.00, plus an explanation, to the Arthur Curling Club; seconded by: Marina Howlett; carried

Mike Curtis suggested we consider a different printer for our newsletter; could negotiate a lesser rate; decision left with what's easiest for Anne Smith

Goodwill:

new leader Margie Zuccala; assistant Brenda McInnis; Pauline Brown will assist via email if necessary; Pauline's job description plus Goodwill Policy in Constitution available; Anne Smith removed her name from this committee

Membership – Retirement Planning Workshop April 14, 2010: *Carol Christie*
package for non teachers being arranged; move location to Victoria East Golf Course or Italian Canadian Club; ads through email vs newspaper; change poster colours; jobs at later date

Health: *Pat Bruder*

plans not subject to HST; no info from Provincial yet; get binder from Bob Paul; focus on benefits (many we don't use); ODA rates 5 % increase; OTIP has better marketing strategies; therefore, more members; but eventually some move over to RTO

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

time line for Winter newsletter Jan. 2010: deadline for submissions to Anne Smith: Jan. 6, 2010; compile/package/out: Jan. 19, 2010 @ 10:00 am at Brenda McInnis' home

Cancer Puppet Program need volunteers; advertise in newsletter, on website, in Renaissance magazine

UW Science/Engineering Fair need teachers for judges; submit in newsletter

Political Action: *Brenda McInnis*

sign up/mail daily (Dec. 6th to 20th) to Prime Minister postcards commemorating the anniversary of the 20 women murdered in Montreal;

renew our membership to Coalition to Social Justice (\$50 fee) now so cheque arrives by Jan. 2010; only organization with all three groups of gov't representation; working on climate and poverty change and pensions for all

Motioned by: Brenda McInnis to renew our membership and pay the \$50 fee to Coalition for Social Justice; seconded by: Nancy Baker; carried

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

River Run trip Nov.29, 2009 sold 60 tickets; cost \$1280.25; subsidized cost @ \$20 per person equaling \$980. Difference of \$300.25; send bill to Mike Curtis for reimbursement

Famous Players Christmas Show Nov. 21, 2009 sold only 24 (plus 1) tickets; \$1100 deposit to guarantee seats; loss of \$421 for RWTO; share this loss with RTO

Motioned by: Lynn Morrison for RTO to pay half of deficit (\$210.50) to RWTO; seconded by: Carol Christie; carried

future travel prospects: Mystery Tour in June; Stratford Theatre to see Evita on Oct.28, 2010

Motioned by: Nancy Baker to subsidize Stratford trip/ticket to keep cost at \$99 per person; seconded by: Mary Hermann; carried

Website: *John Ritchie*

main focuses for RTO site: let members know info; celebrate events; advertise what group does

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

- a) Pre-Senate May 14, 2010 Brantford/Paris; Stephen O'Connell attended; new provincial liaison Jim Sparrow; email: sparrowj@sympatico.ca
- b) District Constitution Review 2011: our district up for review; date should be altered to reflect five year cycle; constitution has policy on donations
- c) Fall Senate Highlights: Reno Melatti OTF President talks in progress replacing 95/20 with something like 50; membership fee increase from \$1.20 to \$1.25 per \$1000; New Provincial President: Marg Couture
- d) Workshops 2010

March 7-8	Goodwill	(first time ever)
April 13	Treasurers	Mike Curtis
April 14-15	Presidents	Stephen O'Connell
June 7-8	Webmasters	
June 15	Health	Pat Bruder
- e) Spring Senate May 18-19
members attending: Stephen O'Connell, Brenda McInnis, Carol Christie, Lynn Morrison
- f) Spring Dinner May 12, 2010 @ Victoria Park East, Guelph, ON is booked; Pam needs to contact Wendy Gotmers (519) 821-2211 ext. 23
entertainment ideas: 1) Quintessential – local women's group sound similar to Celtic Women
contact beck Wittich (519) 846-0058; email bradwittich@sympatico.ca
2) Blazing Fiddles
3) Brett's group from Tommy
4) Marcie Brown

send any further ideas by email to Pam for her to finalize choices;

Motioned by: John Ritchie to cap entertainment budget for the May 12th dinner not to exceed \$800; seconded by: Mary Hermann; carried

- g) Fact Sheets – New and Revised; *on Provincial website* B1 Canada Pension Plan; B3 Old Age Security; C3 Elder Abuse C9 CCACs; C11 Local Health Integration Networks; H3 Predeath Planning

7. Executive Meeting Dates 2010: Stephen O'Connell

Next Meeting on March 29, 2010 @ UGDSB Room 4 at 9:00am to be booked; Mike Curtis to bring coffee and Nancy Baker to bring treats;

Motioned by: Marina Howlett to purchase a \$20 gift certificate to reimburse the person in appreciation for providing their homemade treats for our executive meetings; seconded by: Carol Christie; carried

Upcoming meeting dates: September 13, 2010

November 29, 2010

- 8. Fall Luncheon Meeting: October 20, 2010; agenda discussion next meeting

9. Other:

Art Sale @ West End Community Centre on Dec. 12, 2009 from 10:00- 4:00 pm; Nancy Baker's art will be there;

Cause for Donations to Local Charity

Motioned by: Pam Niesiobedzki to donate \$250 to the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers and \$250 to Rural Wellington Advisory Group for Rural Women Shelters; seconded by:

Marina Howlett; carried

10. Adjournment:

Pat Bruder motioned to adjourn meeting. Mary Hermann seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting concluded @ 12:13pm.