

**Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 6, 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, Mary Hermann, John Ritchie, Marina Howlett, Joan Miller

Absent: Joan Berry, Lynn Morrison, Mike Essex
Special welcome to new member Joe Tersigni

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

Move Website Report by John Ritchie ahead;

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the modified agenda; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried

3. Approval of the September 30, 2013 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Amend: a) #5. Project Service to Others Presentation: In Motion omit District #26

b) #7. Health Report: change "but" to "buy"

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the amended September 30, 2013 minutes; Seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

4. Next Meeting Dates: *Brenda McGinnis*

Last year met March 18th and June 3rd

a) Monday March 24, 2014

b) Thursday May 8, 2014 – Spring Luncheon Victoria Road, Guelph

c) Friday May 23, 2014

d) Monday September 8, 2014 – tentative

e) *Thursday October 16, 2014 – Fall Luncheon Fergus * Marina Howlett will book

5. Review of Fall Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

Positive Input: craft tables, food, entertainment, splitting business with meal, Door prizes: loved baskets, gift certificates, Mike bought extra Cruisin' cd's – will Give out as prizes at Spring Luncheon

Need to Improve Input: CAREFUL proofreading of flyer

Suggestions for next year: arrive earlier to help Nancy and Mary set up; let People with mobility issues line up first for lunch; let caterer know how Much time needed for meeting; sound system is ready; name tag issue: make Up labels of people attending and stick on plastic covers; clear tables of excess – Only have centerpiece and ONE copy of Treasurer's Report; put all other Advertising on separate table

Registration for Fall Luncheon: Two-Tiered Pricing: Cost before deadline: \$15
Cost after deadline: \$20

Registration for Spring Luncheon: Cost \$20

6. Suggestions for Entertainment for Spring Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

1. Wizen Old Men/Women 2. Steve Brinder 3. Tartan Terrors (Pam check them Out) 4. Blazin' Fiddles 5. Two of a Kind 6. Dunn Brothers 7. Dave Hadfield (for Fall Luncheon 2014) 8. The Dictionary Lady (for Wellness Workshop) 9. Acappella Showcase; Joe Tersigni to work with Brenda McGinnis on Entertainment

7. United Way of Guelph Wellington: *Brenda McGinnis*

Request: (see brochure entitled: Change Starts Here); would have put ad in Sept. Newsletter but they were late giving us the info; put on our website instead; send Pdf. To John

8. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

Website: *John Ritchie*

New councilors put your info on website; take Joe Tersigni's photo by phone and Email to John; have you visited email recently? Is default ok? Will have some Stats for us next meeting; Nancy sending LOTS of photos by email

Newsletter: *Brenda McGinnis*

Examined other copies from other Districts (see inserts); other Districts have Rules listed in newsletters; we need to focus on our members and columnists; Need a criteria for "Something to Shout About" column; i.e. Published Author, Special Award Recipient, Long-Time Service in Service Clubs/Charities, Active Member in Community Theatre, Celebrations, etc.; Nancy to write AD to put in Newsletter to see response we get; give a copy of Constitution to Joe Tersigni And Mike Essex

Due Date for Articles: Thursday Jan. 16, 2014

Packing Bee: Thursday Jan. 30, 2014

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

See handout entitled: Political Advocacy Report November 6, 2013.

#4. Newsletters: print extra 100 to give out; Pat to give to Boards and Unions; Rick to give to OSSTF and also to ETFO when attends meeting on Nov. 26th

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

2014 Goodwill Committee meeting this afternoon; Rosita Lugosi resigning; Sarah Burns turns 101 on Friday; some stats for 2014: 230 members over 80, 9 members over 90, 1 member 95, 1 member 100, 1 member 101, 2 members 102

Public Relations: *Brenda McGinnis*

United Way: (see #7)

Newspaper Ads: Wellington Advertiser: forgot to put it in; will continue to Advertise in Guelph Mercury and Advertiser

Christmas Donations for 2013: Guelph-Wellington and Food Banks;

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to donate \$200 to the Salvation Army; \$100 to Centre Wellington Food Bank; \$100 to East Wellington Food Bank and \$100 to North Wellington Food Bank for Christmas 2013; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki

Discussion of Motion/Amendment: Marina Howlett to check out North

Wellington Food Bank Group to see if we can give to them as well

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated: November 6, 2013)

Running a deficit; can we afford Wellness Workshop this year? Suggestions:

Joint ventures with Waterloo (#11) group – Wellness Workshop and Travel; cut

Back travel subsidies; no survey next year; increase cost of day trips; money must

Be spent or we are subject to an audit; still healthy

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

No major changes to our Teacher's Pension; RTO very active in lobbying

Improvements to CPP; concerted effort needed for ALL Canadians to

Receive a pension when they retire

Membership: *Carol Christie*

Tentative dates for RPW 2014: April 9th; 10th; or 16th; In Memoriam – can

Look up passed members and photos

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

Next meeting: Nov. 25th and 26th; preparing for Recruitment Workshop 2014

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Received new Health cards from Johnson Inc. get new benefits Booklet week

Before Christmas; Health Matters will continue in Renaissance next year;

Ontario Drug Benefit Plan (ODBP) @ age 65: more drugs being delisted from

OHIP; have to pay yourself; majority of our 87,000 members benefitting from

Johnson coverage; at 65 ODBP pays \$100; Johnson pays back \$85; can have both

Plans working for you; will submit "Why Continue With RTO after 65" in next

Newsletter article; include comparison chart for dispensing fees

Travel: *Lynn Morrison (absent)*

9. Project Service to Others: *Joan Berry (absent)*

10. Wellness Workshop: *Brenda McGinnis*

Committee to meet this month or next to put together agenda; Brenda will email

Members of date choices

11. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Highlights from Senate: see sheet entitled: Some Highlights of Senate – October

2013; we recognize Associate Members as well as Members in Memoriam

Brenda will address this in next newsletter

Bring a Book Campaign to Literacy Council: advertise in both newsletters; add

Bring your nametags!

Scholarship Proposal: Rick and Brenda to write to Boards

12. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to adjourn meeting; seconded by Mary Hermann;

Carried; meeting concluded at 11:20 am; Special thanks to Mike Curtis and Nancy

Baker for providing coffee and treats