

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday September 8, 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, Mary Hermann, Lynn Morrison, Joan Miller

Absent: Mike Essex

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

Motion by Mary Hermann to approve the agenda; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

3. Approval of the May 23, 2014 Minutes: *Brenda McGinnis*

Amend: Number 2: Change "valley" to "Valley"; Number 5: Change "Adviser" to "Advertiser"

Motion by Pat Bruder to approve the amended May 23, 2014 minutes; seconded by Joan Berry; carried

4. Next Meeting Dates: *Brenda McGinnis*

Monday December 1, 2014

Monday March 2, 2015 – tentative *

Monday May 25, 2015 – tentative *

* Marina Howlett will book these dates

5. Planning for Fall Luncheon: *Brenda McGinnis*

(See green sheet)

Motions to District 31 Executive. Monday September 8, 2014: *Rick Goodbrand*

(See white sheet labeled #1. Motions to ... 2014)

6. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*

President Report: *Brenda McGinnis*

Issues With Provincial Office: **1. Goodwill:** Freedom of Information; "The Privacy Act": Recruitment Workshop will address this; how can we send cards, etc. if we Don't have information? Carol receives updated info lists from Provincial Office; we Don't mention ages in our communications with members; our records have our Birthdates but not new members; Pam's lawyer stated could only deny info if they Are a third party; our members are classified as a first party; we can have their Addresses but not their birthdates or ages; Goodwill Guidelines were updated June 2014; ready for next weekend's Recruitment Workshop; Provincial Office decided to Overwrite the Goodwill Policy **2. Travel:** Provincial Office keeps adding in "little Phrases" i.e. must book one month prior to flight; day Trips need TICO Representative; Great Canadian is a TICO member; Brenda emails all communications With Provincial to establish a paper trail of random changes; **3. Host Pre-Senate Meeting:** prior to Fall Senate, Brenda told to host meeting on Oct. 16th; SAME DATE

AS OUR FALL LUNCHEON! **4. Joyce B:** still waiting for membership list that should have received by Aug. 16th **5. Other:** Provincial use to pay first for “Observers”; now we pay first; some districts get more coverage than others; Jim Sparrow leading travel people issues; Provincial keeps changing rules; Fall Senate is going to be HOT with frustration Requests/thank you’s – (see pink sheets) 1. Steve Binder - Comedian; cost \$800; Potential entertainment for Spring Luncheon May 7, 2015 2. We supported Special Olympics (\$250) but have received no thank you as of yet 3. Foundation News (see Yellow sheets) mixed messages; haven’t decided on the Project yet; Foundation has Chair in Toronto; money will now be used for “something” within the hospital

Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*

Information in up-coming newsletter; 77% payments from investments; 33% Payments from members

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(See report dated Aug. 30, 2014)

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

Take issues to Recruitment Workshop; \$0.50 per member/per year; Dan and Brenda McGinnis’ 40th Wedding Anniversary; Lynn and Gerald Morrison’s 50th Wedding Anniversary; stamps from Mary Hermann; may need help with Christmas Cards as Mary Hermann is having surgery; put Bookmarks and Important papers on Tables at Fall Luncheon; Joyce and Carol going to Recruitment Workshop

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW dates: 1st choice: April 16, 2015 2nd choice: April 15, 2015. Invitations to 24 New retirees; see details in up-coming newsletter report; “Retired Women’s Program” will be inserted in invitations

Member Services: *Stephen O’Connell*

Going to workshop in Toronto on Sunday; Steve is speaking on Recruitment as a District focus; staying till Tuesday for last Member Services meeting; received form Letter stating his services would not be extended (see letter dated June 23, 2014 in March 24, 2014 minutes); Marina saw her job posted on Liaison; she reapplied and Will know later this month if accepted; more committee applicants picked from Ottawa and French District; some male members have positions for 8 years; Evidence of “Entitlement Mentality”; “Who you Know versus What you Know”

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Great time at June Conference; (see white Q&A Sheets) from Johnson Inc. Alliance Has poor rating from Customer Services; need Proof of Departure when in USA;

Top Drug Chart (see white sheet entitled: RTO/ERO Top Drugs by Amount Paid August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013.); Presentation on Eldercare – free!! We have to do This!

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Next newsletter due date for articles – Wed. Jan. 7, 2015

1. Waterloo/Wellington Wellness Workshop in Spring 2015; no meeting till after December
2. Eldercare Workshop; In Nov. (?); could advertise at Fall General Meeting; possible Venue:
1. Guelph Curling Club (more accessible); Pat will email Brenda information; Time 1 – 1.5 hours; we supply refreshments; Upstairs room @ Zehrs and Woodlawn Country Club also possible venues; add “blurb” in newsletter; Announce at Fall Luncheon, TBA; up on website when know all information

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

Still 9 seats available for Cabaret on Oct. 24th, Shaw Festival; “Best of Quebec” slated Trip September 2015; hand out flyers at Fall Luncheon; Stratford 2015, can’t book Till Dec.; possible picks Carousel, Sound of Music; Boat Cruises 2015: 1. Port Severn Big Shute and Bala Fall Cranberry Festival, cost \$89/\$90 2. Orillia Dinner Cruise/ Mariposa Market/Theatre, cost \$112 - \$120; set up interest survey at Fall Luncheon; Need \$500 for trip(s) prepayment fees;

Motion by Pat Bruder to advance \$500 to Lynn Morrison for prepayment trip Expenses: seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried

Lynn to go on Mirvish.com to get info on Fall 2015 shows; Boston trip had 7 Cancellations; down to 32 people

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

Municipal elections coming up; James Gordon running for City Council; Joe Tersigni Running for Wellington County Separate School Board Trustee

Website: *John Ritchie*

Keep feeding him info and pictures

Public Relations: *Brenda McGinnis*

Spring Luncheon 2015 possible venues: 1. Springfield Golf Course – too Expensive 2. Ariss Valley Golf Course – couldn’t give Mary any info 3. Hanlon Convention Centre– too Expensive 4. Ukrainian Church – never heard back 5. Italian Canadian Club - \$32 per person; smorgasbord with good service, will hire extra people for event, can’t do Fridays 6. Cutten Fields/Club – no answer back 7. Arboretum – too expensive; University caterers only 8. Woodlawn Country Club – up to 100 people, \$20 per person, room free, has stairs and elevator, parking issues

Motion by Joyce Barnes to book the Italian Canadian Club for our Spring Luncheon 2015; seconded by Joe Tersigni; carried

Pat and Pam will book it and sign contract

Tentative date: May 7, 2015 Tentative entertainment: Steve Binder

7. Christmas Donation: *Brenda McGinnis*

Move to Monday December 1, 2014 meeting

8. Wellness Workshops: *Brenda McGinnis*

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9. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Nancy has digital frame; put pictures on cd/SD card and show pictures on laptop at Fall Luncheon; Joan Berry expressed heart-felt thanks for support of Senior Games;

Rick Goodbrand shared Introduction/Motions from Districts 20 and 7 from Fall Senate (see white sheets entitled: Introduction/Motions from District 20 – PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR ACTIVE TEACHERS and District 7 Motions Submitted for Fall Senate)

10. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to adjourn meeting; seconded by Pam Niesiobedzki; carried; concluded at 11:55 am; Special thanks to Mike Curtis for coffee and Nancy Baker for treats!