

RTO EXECUTIVE MEETING DISTRICT 31

December 4, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Marina Howlett
Mike Curtis
Isabel Muir
Brenda McGinnis
Anne Smith
Audrey Lowe
Pauline Brown
Lynn Morrison
Denyse Gray

Carol Christie
Stephen O'Connell
Bob Paul
Terry Sullivan
Mary McNabb
John Ritchie
Nancy Baker
Audrey Gunson

Absent: Joan Ksenych

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes: Mike Curtis moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Brenda McGinnis.

Reports:

Treasurer: Isabelle Muir reported a balance of \$7000.00. She requested expenses be submitted by December 17th. A deposit of \$500.00 has been sent to Victoria East Golf Club for the Spring Dinner. Isabelle Muir moved to accept the report. Seconded by Nancy Baker. Carried.

Membership:

Mike suggested that since teachers do not always retire in June but often leave during the school year that it might be helpful and informative for the retired teachers if they received a kit from RTO in the mail along with a letter offering congratulations and an offer to answer any questions the teachers may have about the material in the kit.

Health:

Bob Paul will submit an article in the newsletter addressing the most recent changes.

Newsletter:

Anne Smith hopes to have the newsletter out by early January.

Goodwill:

The initial meeting of the new Goodwill Committee was held on October 25th at Margaret Hall's home with excellent attendance. The list of 120 "over 80's" who will be receiving a Christmas card was divided up among the Committee members. The next meeting will be on March 28, 2007. In 2006 the Committee sent out 12 birthday cards, 6 thinking of you cards, 8 sympathy cards, 3 anniversary cards, 11 get well cards. They also made 2 phone calls, sent 2 flower/ plants, made 8 visits and received 3 replies to inserts for a total of 67 contacts. Pauline Brown and Committee continue to look for new ways to keep in touch with our colleagues.

Political Action:

Brenda McGinnis was pleased that during the recent municipal election the voters showed that they were concerned with the dysfunction of the past city council and that they wanted a change. Some of the other topics of concern were roads, water and garbage. The federal elections are coming up in 6 months. Topics of interest will be income splitting, mortgage fraud and child care.

Travel:

Lynn said the Orillia trip was cancelled due to a lack of response. It may be offered again in the spring. A trip to the Toyota Plant is also a possibility. The Sound of Music trip was a success with 27 members enjoying the outing. Lynn is looking into trips to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford. A trip during a weekday is far less expensive than a weekend trip. May 22nd or June 12th were mentioned as possible dates. The play Oklahoma will be running then.

Stephen suggested that a trip during the summer months may be of interest to members.

Website:

John Ritchie felt that more could be put on the website. He may try to link with other teacher organizations. He encouraged members to suggest items that could be placed on the website. Terry Sullivan suggested putting the website address on all our printed material.

Pension:

Marina Howlett said mortgage fraud and income trust investments are topics of interest to members. OTF will continue to inform members on contribution changes and schedule rate increases that will occur over the next 2/3 years. Rates may be stable now but may increase in the future. Changes may be made after the next filing on January 1, 2008.

Service to Others:

We need a project by the end of February. We have nothing as yet.

President's Report:

A) R.T.O. Senate-May 28-30,2007 May 23rd- pre-meeting

Marina asked for the names of members who would be interested in attending. Anne Smith, Carol Christie, Brenda McGinnis, Marina Howlett and Stephen O'Connell expressed an interest in attending.

B) District 31 Spring General Meeting

Victoria Park East

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Menu will be similar to last year

Entertainment-Blazing Fiddles?

Terry to look into it.

Invite someone from provincial

Johnson Insurance to give a 20 minute presentation

C) RTO Memo re: Insurance Coverage

Most activities such as General Meetings, etc. are covered by Provincial. Must get a certificate of approval from Provincial as proof of coverage.

Overseas trips are not covered.

Other Business:

Provincial Liaison is good at keeping us informed.

Stephen O'Connell would like to submit a motion limiting the naming of Districts to geographical names.

Fall Meeting for 2007 may be later in October, possibly after Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: Monday April 2, 2007