

RTO EXECUTIVE MEETING DISTRICT 31

September 11, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Marina Howlett
Mike Curtis
Isabel Muir
Brenda McGinnis
Anne Smith
Audrey Lowe
Pauline Brown
Lynn Morrison
Carol Christie
Stephen O'Connell
Bob Paul
Terry Sullivan
Mary McNabb
John Ritchie
Joan Ksenych

Absent: Don Dewar

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

Minutes: Marina moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mary.

Reports:

Treasurer: Isabelle Muir reported the second installment (\$5935.43) of the annual grant has been received. The Niagara trip cost \$2766.81. There is presently a balance of \$11,955.30.

Isabelle Muir moved to accept the report. Seconded by Carol Christie. Carried.

Constitution: Bob Paul continues to work on the fine tuning and the policies that have been suggested. Marina suggested the policies be attached to the Constitution.

Stephen O'Connell is to present the Constitution at the General Meeting on October 4th.

Membership:

Mike Curtis stated that there has been an increase of 5.8% in membership in District 31. Stephen O'Connell suggested that retired teachers still doing supply work can valuable resources for teachers nearing retirement. He says he tries to answer their questions and provide them with kits containing necessary information.

Health: Gerry Brombal had several posters and some pedometers on display. These items promote a new "Walk for Health" program that will be starting this month.

Newsletter: Newsletter went out on time. It was printed at the Board Office. Anne felt the pictures were not as clear as she would like and will probably go back to M+T Printing for future issues.

Goodwill: Since May the committee members have sent out 12 cards, had 17 visits and attended 1 funeral on behalf of R.T.O. Pauline mentioned the need to replace 2 members of the committee, one in the Guelph area and one in the Rockwood area. Brenda McGinnis offered to take on the membership role for the Guelph area.

Tentative plans are being considered for a "get acquainted" and information meeting in the fall after the annual meeting in Arthur.

Political Action: Brenda mentioned that things are now starting to move on the elections front. Members are urged to attend meetings and become aware of the important issues such as city growth, water, etc. Bob Paul suggested looking in the Wellington Advertiser to find out when and where the meetings and forums will take place.

Travel: The overnight trip to Orillia was mentioned in the newsletter. Tickets for the Sound of Music and also the trip to Turkey are already being requested. There has been some concern from members about safety when traveling to certain countries. It was suggested that members check with R.T.O. They have a list of places they deem unsafe and therefore will not provide insurance if members choose to travel to these areas.

A motion was presented to put \$1000.00 into an R.T.O. travel account to enable Lynn to organize these trips of R.T.O members. Moved by Mike Curtis. Seconded by Stephen O'Connell.

Website: The website is being used more and more. It was suggested that all items that are to be placed on the website be checked by the President or Vice President prior to posting. It was also suggested that the website be mentioned in the newsletter as a valuable source of information.

A motion was presented to pay the website cost for the 2006-2007 year. Moved by Stephen O'Connell. Seconded by Mike Curtis. Carried.

Pension: There has been an increase in teachers' pension contributions.

Service to Others: A motion was put forward to donate \$500.00 to Arc Industries to go toward their capital campaign. Moved by Bob Paul. Seconded by Terry Sullivan. Carried.

President's Report:

R.T.O. Senate- October 17th, 18th, 2006. Marina Howlett, Terry Sullivan, Stephen O'Connell and Brenda McGinnis to attend. A report will be made at the December meeting.

Meeting dates for 2006-2007

Confirmation: Monday, December 4, 2006-9:00 a.m. - boardroom

Monday, April 2, 2007-9:00 a.m. - boardroom

Wednesday, May 9, 2007-Spring Dinner- Victoria Park East

General Meeting

Fall Meeting- October 4, 2006- Arthur Community Center

Introduction of new President- Terry Sullivan

Election/ Induction of Executive-

Constitution- Stephen O'Connell

Introduction of new members- Mike Curtis

R.T.O. District 31 Project- Judy Coulman

Guest Speaker- Arnold Hull, President R.T.O.

Political Action- Brenda McGinnis

Thank You's - Brenda McGinnis

Next Meeting: October 4, 2006- Arthur Community Center