

Retired Teacher's of Ontario District #31

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday March 26, 2012 @ 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, John Ritchie, Marina Howlett, Joyce Barnes, Pat Bruder, Rick Goodman, Joan Miller
Absent: Lynn Morrison, Mary Hermann, Joan Berry
2. Approval/Additions to the Agenda: *Brenda McGinnis*
Motion by Brenda McGinnis to approve the agenda; seconded by Marina Howlett; carried
3. **Approval of the November 22, 2011 Minutes:** *Brenda McGinnis*
Amendment: In Newsletter Report, change “asking” to “we offered”
Motion by Joan Berry to approve Nov. 22, 2011 minutes; seconded by Pat Bruder; carried
4. Next Meeting Date: *Brenda McGinnis*
Monday May 28, 2012; think about next year; let Brenda know your commitment for next year's executive; possible entertainment for the fall Luncheon – James Gordon, his friend, fellow from Rockton; poster advertising Crafters Table at Fall Luncheon be posted at Retired Women's Luncheon(May 26th)
5. Reports: *Brenda McGinnis*
Pension and Retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett*
(see newsletter) 50 day rule and being re – employed in education; everyone, including volunteers are being tracked/reported; all Federations need to report paid employment; markers for EQAO now reported; you must keep track of your 50 days; website facts sheets: April 3rd filing of teacher's annual report; deficit will continue; look at benefits and pay – outs to retirees; 3-5% contribution; gov't cut backs; cultural attack on pensions, salaries, everywhere; re-evaluate 85 factor
Health: *Pat Bruder*
be safe, be healthy; cutting benefits again (see newsletter); not being public about it; June 11/12 Toronto Wkshp Pat going; report in fall; Bill 160 in effect; Safety Plans must be in place; cracking down on all work places/educational institutions; Safe School Act check out website
President Report: *Brenda McGinnis*
Workshop April 1-2: Brenda and Carol going; Foundation for Geriatric Studies not catching on; donations only not fees policy; one group donated \$10 000; arguing if group donates it's their privilege; other group disagrees; change in leadership; presidents to come up with ideas to get

people to donate

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

(see report dated March 26, 2012)

Motion by Mike Curtis to approve March 26, 2011 financial report; seconded by Pam

Niesiobedzki; carried

Goodwill: *Joyce Barnes*

nothing new to report

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW April 25th @ Victoria Park East Golf Course booked; need volunteers for set-up and running
5:00 set up; 6:00 workshop

Member Services: *Stephen O'Connell*

going to Toronto April 1st and 2nd; recruitment video intended to use at RPW's; Provincial committee looking for strategies for membership; want to know personal considerations; RPW grant for workshops only; problem with evaluation: SURVEY MONKEY not popular; offering an option this year – can do print or electronic survey; MS committee: in Dec. Steve contacted his group after Provincial meeting; sent out 8 discussion questions, received 2 small responses; want list of all private schools; how to get associate members recruited; how to get districts more involved

Newsletter: *Anne Smith*

Packing Bee April 4th at 9:30 am at Brenda's house; need up-dated members list for labels; assign label job to some one at the bee; change venue for Fall Luncheon to Fergus Community Centre; get minuted to Anne sooner

Political Advocacy: *Brenda McGinnis*

Brenda paid \$50 membership fee to Coalition for Social Justice; receipt to Mike for reimbursement;

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to approve payment of membership fee to Coalition for Social Justice; seconded by Carol Christie; carried

two good workshops; panel discussion on Robo calls, democracy and voting; NDP now looking into Federal campaign; June – another panel discussion on Elder Abuse; Budgets both Federal and Provincial this week; Gov't and teachers' Federations in for a fight; RTO need to take political action; What is budget going to do to seniors OAP? Political Advocacy group good but too much time in between so nothing gets done

Travel: *Lynn Morrison* (absent)

(see newsletter) 42nd Street in Fall (Stratford)

Website: *John Ritchie*

other websites have volunteer opportunities; people would know are safe and not affect pension; free information/programs from Provincial Upper Level; difficulties because most people don't/can't load/use it; not useful to us; person from Waterloo downloaded RPW information

Public Relations: *Pam Niesiobedzki*

opportunity to get RTO info to public; page in brochure of GLT; goes to 30 000 households; also Logo on all GLT programs; patron page \$1500; ½ page \$300 - \$350 inside whole page

\$650;

Motion by Carol Christie to post a half-page advertisement at the cost of \$300 in the GLT brochure; seconded by Anne Smith; carried

6. Spring Banquet: *Brenda McGinnis*

Planning (see green insert sheet); put photos of winners in newsletter; book presentation in newsletter; Baskets: Brenda tell Mary H. to get them; Nancy B. put ad in Tribune; **Habitat for Humanity** want volunteers; put ad in volunteer section on website; **Tutor On Wheels** need volunteers; no to this; we support our local science, language organizations; survey and pencils

on tables; awards for next year? **District 31 Award of Merit** paper and gift certificate; people who have contributed greatly to district; ie: Bob Paul, Kathy Collins, Pauline Brown, Isobel Muir; Provincial website with criteria and award; people submit/committee decides; one each year; plaque? **Wellness PD Day** speakers/sign up for workshops; need committee to organize and plan work load OR run a series of monthly workshops – free and pay for lunch; put on survey asking how you can help; add website on all paper information; people who wish to be contacted between newsletters give us their emails so don't have to call by phone

7. Other: *Brenda McGinnis*

Spring Senate: May 13 to 15, 2012 Brenda McGinnis, Carol Christie, Steve O'Connell and Joan Miller going;

Fall Senate: October 22 to 24, 2012 Brenda McGinnis and Rick Goodbrand going at this time

8. Adjournment: *Brenda McGinnis*

Motion by Brenda McGinnis to adjourn meeting; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

Meeting concluded at 11:55 am. Special thanks to Mike C. and Nancy B. who supplied coffee and treats.