

**Retired Teachers of Ontario District 31
Executive Meeting Minutes
Friday May 28, 2010@ 9:00am
UGDSB Boardroom, Guelph, ON**

“Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve”

1. Call to order and welcome:*Stephen O'Connell*

Present: Margie Zuccala, Pat Bruder, Nancy Baker, Brenda McGinnis, Joan Miller, Stephen O'Connell, Carol Christie, John Ritchie, Mike Curtis, Pam Niesiobedzki, Lynn Morrison
Absent: Marina Howlett, Anne Smith, Mary Hermann

2. Approval of/additions to the Agenda: *Stephen O'Connell*

no additions/amendments

Motion to approve the agenda moved by: Pat Bruder; seconded by: Margie Zuccala; carried

3. Approval of/Amendments to the minutes from March 29, 2010 Meeting: *Stephen O'Connell*

no amendments

Motion to approve the minutes as read moved by: Brenda McGinnis; seconded by: John Ritchie; carried

4. Presentation J&R Services: *Ron McKelvey*

(see insert) “catch all” kind of service; lots of work with community service; bonded; references; started doing jobs for parents, neighbours; cost: \$30/hour for yard work, \$40/hour house projects; wants to advertise in our newsletter/fliers; \$25 fee each time for members plus approved by executive members (3x yearly) put in/on our website; his insert could be a flier in our next newsletter; magnet format in newsletter would cost more money for mailing; should advertise our services for advertising; what would we charge non-members?; flat fee for fliers; space in newsletter like newspaper (cost per area on page); \$25 for business card size; \$50 for half column; \$100 for full column' charge J&R Services \$30 as a test price and he provide fliers for September newsletter;

Motioned by John Ritchie to charge a test price of \$30 to J&R Services to insert his advertisement fliers in our September newsletter; seconded by: Carol Christie; carried.

Brenda will prepare an article about our advertising services focusing on top ten points from Senate; create a sub-committee (Marina, John, Anne) to amend/expand our existing guidelines for advertising in local newsletters; see page 40 in “34th Story” or website: www.34thstory.com for bklt.

5. Reports:

Pension/retirement Concerns: *Marina Howlett* (absent)

September 1, 2012 – 50 days re-employment

Re-employment Rules Document (see insert)

Treasurer: *Mike Curtis*

Request Norm Jary/ARC Industries Golf Tournament (Steve has letter); last year we sponsored \$200 for a sign present at tournament; \$1000 or more would be featured on promotional features

Motioned by Brenda McGinnis to support this request for \$250 this year; seconded by Nancy Baker; carried

Financial Report: dated May 28, 2010 (see insert)

Motioned by Mike Curtis to approve Financial Report dated May 28, 2010; seconded by: Carol Christie; carried

bring up at September meeting that President and Executive not pay for Spring Dinner

Goodwill: *Margie Zuccala/Brenda McGinnis*

check our lists for any updates; treat all associates over 80 the same (all should receive cards, etc.)

send a card to Marg Coutoure regarding her sister's passing; send a donation to Cancer Society in memory of Mary Hermann's brother

Membership: *Carol Christie*

RPW; member count as of Dec. 31/09 – 1137 members; we allow \$500 budget per workshop; letter is ready but don't know location for fall luncheon;

Health: *Pat Bruder*

Workshop June 15, 2010; Pat going to Toronto; will add information at fall meeting; H.L. Staebler Co. Ltd. Business card (see insert) from Penny Beacock; give group insurance discounts to active and retired teachers; cheaper than Johnson's and Grey Power

Newsletter: *Anne Smith* (absent) *Steve O'Connell*

submissions to Anne by September meeting

Political Action: *Brenda McGinnis*

CCA (Community Care Access)- two divisions: 1. Home Care Services: not that good, volunteers not paid nor trained enough, they don't work long weekends and are not replaced; therefore, patients suffer 2. Palliative Care Services: very good

Health is 80% of Provincial Budget; Family/Children Services; need to cut enormous salaries of nine directors and put money into nurse practitioners instead; "Drug Wars" continue with pharmacies, large advertising campaign from drug companies

Travel: *Lynn Morrison*

Mystery Tour June 8: cancelled, (only 14 people interested)

Evita October 28: 19 tickets left, cost \$99 each, ad on website, add guided tour of Castle Kilbride (Baden), extra cost of \$5 per person, pay through Travel Fund Budget (\$500). may have another bill to cover HST for coach, if paid before April 30th won't have to pay,

Grand River Cruise may be cancelled

Lynn in Florida from Nov. to Apr. next year, Carol Christie volunteered to work with/for her during that time

Website: *John Ritchie*

Workshop June 7-8: Anne Smith is going; doing updates; workshop has presenters on newsletters

Public Relations: *Pam Niesiobedzki*

Fall Luncheon suggestions: 1. Grand River Racetrack (Elora), \$25 each, private room, email contacts 2. Alma Bible Church, \$12/plate, (no alcohol); more discussion found in #7 of agenda 3. Overnight trip possibilities: 1. Pike Lake Resort (near Mount Forest), St Mary's Parish Centre list of rental places; charge \$15 to \$25 per person, free to new retirees, dress up tables, etc.; Pam will book it (Alma)? and give info to Carol Christie for newsletter; Carol will email attachment to Nancy B. and Marina H. to get info to

separate and public board reps; will enclose a retirement package with letter.

6. President's Report: *Stephen O'Connell*

The Spring Senate approved the establishment of the Charitable Foundation of RTO/ERO which provides for an Endowed Chair in Geriatrics at the University of Toronto(see Insert);see **motion** under #11 **Other** to send president and vice-president to president's workshop

7. Fall Lunch – October 20, 2010: *Stephen O'Connell*

Elora and District Community Centre? (519) 846-0411

Contact Casey (519) 843-2800

Caterer Judy Eden (519) 848-2785

\$15 per person/same as last year

Pam and Lynn to create questions/survey concerning suggestions for future trips, entertainment or fun events; survey be present at Fall Luncheon and submitted to newsletter; some possible ideas for entertainment included 1. The Storytellers 2. Gordon McCrae 3. Smile Theatre

Alma Bible Church possible location; 412 each, limit charge to \$25; free admission to new retirees, we supply centre pieces, tablecloths,etc. In fall colour scheme; provide great door prizes;Nancy will donate an Avon gift basket;

Motioned by: Pat Bruder to create a \$300 budget to cover costs for door prizes, gift baskets, decorations, etc. (Budget to be further discussed at Sept. 2010 meeting.) seconded by Mike Curtis, carried.

8. Fall Senate Oct. 25- 27, 2010: *Stephen O'Connell*

Senators: Stephen O'Connell, Brenda McGinnis

Observers: Anne Smith, Joan E. Miller

Budget and Elections are big items on agenda; campaigning for nominees is evident

9. Spring Dinner: *Stephen O'Connell*

booked Victoria Park East for May 11, 2011

contact Wendy Gottmers (519) 821-2211 wendy@victoriaparkgolf.com

10. Next Meetings: *Stephen O'Connell*

September 8, 2010; November 29, 2010; March 7, 2011; May 30, 2011

Sept. 8th lunch is paid for executive; Guelph Country Club possible location if can accommodate Pam's dietary concerns; if not, will book Delaney's; Pam to phone and confirm/book location

Coffee by: Mike Curtis Treats by: Nancy Baker

11.Other: *Stephen O'Connell*

President's Workshop: most districts send two people (president and Vice); therefore, Brenda should go too next April

Motioned by: Brenda McGinnis to send both the president and the vice-president to the President's Workshop next year; seconded by Carol Christie, carried.

!2. Adjournment:

Margie Zuccala motioned to adjourn meeting. Pat Bruder seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting concluded @ 11:32 am. Special thanks to Nancy B. and Mike C. who supplied the treats and coffee.