

# RTO EXECUTIVE MEETING DISTRICT 31

September 11, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Marina Howlett

Mike Curtis

Denyse Gray

Brenda McGinnis

Anne Smith

Audrey Lowe

Joan Ksenych

Pauline Brown

Stephen O'Connell

Bob Paul

Terry Sullivan

Audrey Gunson

Lynn Morrison

Carol Christie

Absent: Mary McNabb, John Ritchie

Marina called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 9:08 a.m.

Pauline moved the approval of the agenda. Denyse seconded and it was carried.

Minutes: Mike moved to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2007 meeting. Carol seconded and it was carried.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Denyse reported that our bank balance as of September 10/07 was \$8,568.41. She suggested that we inform members through our newsletter of the fact that we subsidize the cost of the luncheon and banquet even though we charge a nominal fee. Denyse moved the approval of her report. Terry seconded and it was carried.

Membership:

Mike reported that we have 1,045 members in our district.

Health:

Bob attended the June Provincial Workshop. He mentioned that improvements to the RTO Plan impact on the cost. Bob also informed us of the training of provincial committee members to deal with the complexities of the plan.

Newsletter:

Anne has changed the envelope because of the bulk of the newsletter when folded. This has resulted in a slight cost increase. The deadline for the next issue will be Dec. 21/07. Denyse moved that the newsletter production expenses incurred by Anne be paid up to \$200.00.

Bob seconded and it was carried.

Goodwill:

The committee made a decision to send birthday cards to the "over 80's" and since April 28 cards have been sent out. One of the committee members, Shirley Jackson has made approximately 20 visits to shut-ins since April. She has also been calling Alice Shepherd about once a week since she had a stroke. Telephone visits are up to 18 with personal visits reaching 24. 4 sympathy cards and 8 get well or thinking of you cards have been sent. Anne Smith has made copies of the RTO logo so that if a committee member visits someone a visual reminder can be left.

Political Action:

Brenda reported on the Provincial Election and encouraged all to vote.

Travel:

Lynn announced two upcoming opportunities.

Nov.22 White Christmas- Hummingbird Centre-Matinee performance, transportation, meal. She has 55 seats available.

Nov.25 Kiss Me Kate- River Run-matinee

Lynn also mentioned a trip to John McDermot-Dec. 1 with Retired Women

Website:

The newsletter will be posted.

Pension/ Retirement Concerns:

Marina mentioned that the Plan will be evaluated in Jan. 2008

President's Report:

Marina reported:

a) RTO Fall Senate-Oct. 22,23,24/07

Senators: Marina, Anne

Observers: Mike, Carol

Elections

Upcoming Senate dates: May 13, 14/08

Oct. 28, 29/08

b) District 31 Meeting dates:

Dec. 3/07

April 14/08

Spring Dinner- May 21/08

Mary to book Victoria Park and explore a served meal.

c) Constitution:

Since it was approved at the May /07 dinner copies should be available for the Oct.16/07 luncheon. Bob to look into this.

Fall Luncheon- Oct 16 /07

Arthur Curling Club ( next door to the Community Centre). Put sign on the door.

Election of the executive 2007-2008-slate remains the same.

Entertainment-1) Camp Quality Puppets

2) Ben Leibovitz-piano

Greetings from Provincial by Simon

Verbal reports from Executive

Registration- Carol, Joan, Audrey, Audrey

Cheques to Carol

Sound system?

We will pay for the lunch- Simon, Ben and 4 puppeteers

Stephen moved that a \$500.00 donation be made to Camp Quality. Denyse seconded and it was carried. Carol moved that a \$100.00 gift card for Chapters be given to Ben. Joan seconded and it was carried.

Stephen will get the gift card.

Membership Recruitment Workshop:

Mike will apply to Provincial for funds and information. He would like us to host it on April 3 /08. Mike will report back at our Dec. meeting.

Denyse asked that we pay for executive members' banquet or luncheon fees because of the work done on behalf of the members. This will be discussed at a future meeting of the executive.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Executive Meeting: Dec. 03/07