

RTO District 41

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of Tuesday September 7, 2010 Seniors Center St. Thomas

PRESENT: Carol Gagen, Wayne Grosvenor, Martha Foster, Gord Park, , Ric Murray, Marg Hulls, Ron Daykin, John McIntyre, John Taylor, Dave Giles, Fran Wren, Rosemary Moreau, Jack Couckuyt, , Ron Ellsworth

REGRETS: Judy Upsdell, Dennis Collins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA Motion by Dave/John M

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

MINUTES: Motion by Fran/Dave

THAT the minutes of June 9, 2010 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

On-line Payments:
Deferred to the next Meeting

Goodwill Committee:
We are still searching for a new chairperson to replace Marg. An email request will be sent to all members

Movement towards On-line or emailed Newsletters:
Initial trial was very successful. We will continue to improve the process.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request from Provincial for Representatives to Senate.

Elgin RTO/ERO traditionally sends two Senators and one Observer. Motion Ric/Gord
THAT a second observer be sent to this Senate session. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT: Circulated by Wayne

Questions to Dennis will be deferred to the next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES:

COMMUNICATION: Jack Couckuyt

Using email to deliver our newsletter generates significant savings. This allows us to create a larger and more colourful edition.

WEBMASTER: Ron Elsworth

Ron requested that information be sent to him to include on the website as well

GOODWILL: Marg Hulls

see attached report

HEALTH: Ron Daykin

Ron noted that if travelling overseas it is advisable to call the 800 number on the card to inform the insurance carrier of your plans

RTO should advocate for the new MS procedure be included in the Health Plan. Ron will prepare a motion for a later meeting

POLITICAL ADVOCACY: John Taylor

HST has been implemented.

Committee met with LHIN last summer and will attend their next meeting.

PENSIONS: Dave Giles

Nothing new to report. The provincial committee will meet Sept 20-21st.

There will be a change in focus to "Aging Successfully"

TRAVEL: John McIntyre

Panama trip is a go. Currently 24 are registered to attend.

SOCIAL & AWARDS: Ron Daykin

Ron will plan further outings to bring to the executive

SENATE REPORT:

No report at this time

CONSTITUTION: Ric Murray

Update is on schedule for next year

TELEPHONE: Judy Upsdell

No Report at this time

RECRUITMENT: Fran Wren

Retirement Planning Meeting set for Saturday November 13 from 1:00 – 4:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Wellington Street in St. Thomas

Executive Members are requested to attend at 12:00 to assist in setting up

MEMBERSHIP: Ric Murray

We have 537 members currently enrolled. Ric encourages the we continue to approach Educational Support Workers ex. E.A's, Custodians, Administrative Assistants etc. to become associate members

SERVICE TO OTHERS: Fran

Project ideas for Elgin must be received at Provincial RTO by March 1st

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Meeting Dates

Wed Oct 6 a.m.

Wed Nov 3 a.m.

Wed Mar 2 a.m.

Wed Apr 6 a.m.

Wed June 1- Luncheon meeting

All Meetings at the Community Meeting Room, Elgin Mall

General Meeting Dates

Christmas Dinner Wed Dec 1 at the Saxon Hall in Aylmer

AGM Wed May 4 at the Keystone Complex in Shedden

Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Oct 15 for Nov issue

Feb 15 for March issue

Jul 15 for August issue

Change of Venue for Breakfast

A discussion ensued regarding the change of venue to the Senior Centre. It was agreed that it was a good move and that the process involved in moving was finished.

Service to Others Ideas

No ideas were forthcoming at this time

Functions/Activities Planned to Date

Golf Sept. 30 at Dutton Meadows

Wellness Day Oct 18 at the St. Thomas Seniors Centre (currently over 100 registered)

Curling Feb 11 at the St. Thomas Curling Club

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting ***on Wed October 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Elgin Mall***

Goodwill Committee Report - Sept. 7, '10

The committee met on Aug. 26, 2010 9:30 a.m. @ Mary Ann Neely's home. Those present were Mary Ann Neely, Eleanor Lyle, Marjorie Hilliker, Ginny Barfett, Carol Gagen, Sandra Andrews and Marg Hulls.

Linda Perger will be unable to continue on this committee due to ill health. Ginny Barfett is replacing her.

Members were thanked for their support sending out cards and helping to keep the Goodwill Committee current.

The confidentiality issue was stressed. The birthdates, addresses, etc used for RTO/ERO goodwill purposes are not to be shared with others.

Members agreed to have their phone numbers published in the newsletter so District 41 members have a means of contact.

A new chairperson is needed. Guidelines for the position and a detailed job description are available

Goodwill guidelines as incorporated into constitution were distributed. No members, besides Marg Hulls, had receipts for reimbursement

A scrapbook to share thank you notes, etc, from RTO/ERO members and their families has been purchased and will be available for perusal at general meetings.

Goodwill committee members each have a list of RTO/ERO members who are 80 years of age or older. Besides birthday greetings, notes to encourage when hospitalized or condolences to the family when death occurs are the responsibility of the committee member. The chairperson will forward condolences for others or request someone on

the committee to do that. It will include the following information as well as our sympathies: "A donation will be made in ----- 's name to Elgin Community Nutrition Partnership which provides breakfast and snack programs in all schools throughout the county."

Keeping the chairperson knowledgeable of deaths, sicknesses, or special occasions is important. If it is someone not on a 80+ year old list, the chairperson or someone will be asked to send a card.

A list had been received from Toronto with an update of members 80 years of age or older. This information was reviewed so individuals could update changes of address, etc.

Special note was made of RTO/ERO members who will be 90 yr. old within the next year.

A review was made of the list of folks to remember with plants following our two general membership meetings. A reminder to keep the chairperson up-to-date as folks go into care or retirement homes during the year.

Committee members updated their individual lists to include those who will turn 80 within the next year.

Sandra Andrews had put the RTO stamp on the top left-hand corner of all envelopes. Each committee member took the notelets, envelopes, stamps and stickers needed for the upcoming year.

After adjournment refreshments were provided by Mary Ann Neely.