

RTO District 41 Executive Meeting
Friday February 26th

PRESENT: Carol Gagen, Wayne Grosvenor, Martha Foster, Gord Park, Marg Hulls, John McIntyre, John Taylor, Dave Giles, Fran Wren, Ron Ellsworth

REGRETS: Ron Daykin, Dennis Collins, Ric Murray, Judy Upsdell, Rosemary Moreau, Jack Couckuyt

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Request by Martha to add PayPal item to agenda

Motion by Carol/John T.: THAT the amended agenda be accepted. Carried

MEMBERSHIP MEETING -Fran

-Attempt by RTO/ERO to reach other educational groups other than “teachers” and to target retired teachers not presently members of RTO/ERO

-Wayne and Tony Sawinski to present health plans and benefits of joining RTO/ERO as an associate member to 40 CUPE school custodians at North Dorchester High School Friday Feb 27

-Fran to place an ad in the paper to attract above groups to a workshop in May with ***A focus on our Health Plans & Reasons to Join RTO/ERO***

-Personal letters will be mailed to all retired teachers who currently are not members of RTO/ERO highlighting the benefits of being a member.

CORRESPONDENCE

-thank-you Gert Stormes, Lorna Lozon, Mary Martin for pointsettias

-Copy of a letter from Janet and Cyril Wilkinson to the Provincial RTO Health Services: At the end of the year they had exhausted their \$1400 for paramedic services, but only used \$300 of the drug plan. They propose –increasing the paramedic reimbursement to 50% of the drug maximum—or X Fee produces Y benefit to be used as you see fit—or the couples limit be a combined limit regardless of which one uses it.

MINUTES:

Motion by Carol/John T
THAT the minutes be accepted
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Christmas Carol Reading Report—Wayne
Profit \$661.80 to the Talbot Teen Centre. This fundraiser will not be repeated next year
- b. Christmas Dinner Financial Report –Martha
Not available at the present time
- c. Curling Morning - Carol
Report attached
- d. Wellness Day 2010 – Wayne
The event will be held on October 18th will some repeat workshops and many new workshops.
Motion by John Mc/Dave THAT the proposed budget be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
Budget attached

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial statement be was circulated and will be voted upon at our next executive meeting as Dennis is unavailable for questions.

Wayne led a discussion of possibly reporting our budget so that “net” costs are reflected on a budget line

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES

No Report

GOODWILL: Marg Hulls

I provided a gift certificate and a visit for Leora Garrett on her 90th birthday. I also attended Frances McCallum's 95th birthday celebrations. Condolences have been sent to Pauline Batzold's family following her passing. A card has been forwarded to Ron Daykin on his mother's death.

Motion by Fran/Dave THAT District 41 RTO/ERO pay for Saturday night accommodations for Marg if Provincial is unwilling to do so. CARRIED

HEALTH: Ron Daykin

No report at this time

POLITICAL ADVOCACY: John Taylor

There continues to be concern regarding the ramifications of the HST on our members.

PENSIONS: Dave Giles

It would be wise for everyone to check the website for tax tips for 2010
The next Pension meeting is in April

TRAVEL: John McIntyre

The trip to China/Hong Kong was an excellent experience enjoyed by those who participated.
The trip to Ireland on May 26 to June 8 is being enjoyed by 24 who have registered.

SOCIAL & AWARDS: Rosemary Moreau

Results of the **Wine Tour**(May 27) executive subsidy poll is as follows
Full subsidy- 1 vote; Full or half- 1 vote; Set cost at \$50- 1 vote; Set cost at \$45- 1 vote; Up to half cost of

bus- 2 votes;\$500- 2 votes; Some subsidy- 1 vote; Give members biggest break- 1 vote.

Motion by Dave/Gord THAT a subsidy of \$1000 towards the cost of the bus be approved.
CARRIED

SENATE REPORT:

Senators will be Wayne and Martha. Rosemary will be the observer

CONSTITUTION: Ric Murray

No changes at this time

TELEPHONE: Judy Upsdell

The committee will phone for the AGM in April

RECRUITMENT & MEMBERSHIP: Fran, Wayne

As per membership meeting above

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fran reiterated that Service To Others applications must be forwarded by March 1st.

Presidents Seminar April 14th to be attended by Wayne

Nominations for Provincial Committees are in May and for Provincial Executive are in June.

Pre Senate Meeting to be held at the Wayside on May 12th

NEW BUSINESS

STO Project – Fran reviewed “Ready, Set, Read” Backpack Project

Elgin District 41 RTO/ERO and The St. Thomas Public Library seek support to initiate a new program to help adults in the St. Thomas and Elgin County area build reading readiness skills with preschool children from birth to five years of age. “Ready, Set, Read” is a program based on extensive research on the importance of key skills in developing reading readiness, as outlined in the American Library Association’s “Every Child Ready to Read Program”.

Motion by Carol/Dave THAT Elgin District 41 RTO/ERO accept the library project as our submission for an STO grant. CARRIED

Retirement Planning Workshop Fran

To be held on November 3rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Wellington Street from 4 to 7 p.m.
Executive assistance is required at 3 pm

Annual General Meeting Wayne

To be held at the Shedden Keystone Complex on May 5th. Reports are to be sent to Gord to be copied for all members attending. Our guest speaker will be Arnold Hull. The proposed cost will be \$15 per member and \$20 per non member. Wayne will inquire as to the cost for set up by Keystone staff. I require the names of members getting their 25 year awards.

Motion by Fran/Carol THAT the cost of the meal to members be \$15 and the cost to non members be \$20

CARRIED

PayPal Martha

Should we investigate online payment for our social events through the website?
Further discussion will occur in April

Provincial Sunday Meetings

Wayne and Martha will pursue at Senate a request to avoid scheduling meetings on Sundays.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
Community Room

NEXT MEETING April 7th 9:30 at the Elgin Mall