

*RTO District 41*

*Minutes of the Executive Meeting of Wednesday April 2nd 2008*

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Cameron, Max Charlton, Dennis Collins, Jack Couckuyt, Carol Gagen, Dave Giles, Wayne Grosvenor, Marg Hulls, Mack Jackson, Ric Murray, John Taylor, Fran Wren

**REGRETS:** Gord Park

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion by Ric Murray Seconded by Dennis Collins  
CARRIED

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Dennis Collins Seconded by Dave Giles  
THAT the minutes be accepted as circulated.  
CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Motion by Dennis Collins | Seconded by Ric Murray  
THAT The financial statement be accepted.  
CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Ric asked the constitution committee to review the changes in our constitution, make recommendations, and prepare a draft for presentation at the Spring Annual General Meeting in the Spring of 2009.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter of invitation from the committee "Breakfast for Learning" was shared. John Taylor will attend and receive our certificate of appreciation for contributions from the "Forget the Bell" breakfast.

Carol circulated an article outlining a movement in the USA to encourage severing of contracts for teachers deemed "Unsatisfactory".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ARCHIVES:** Jack Couckuyt

Jack has posted archival material on the website. Information on the past presidents from 1970 is now available on our site. It is Jack's intention to continue to include school information.

I. **GOODWILL:** Marg Hulls

Marg informed the executive that Terry Sherratt will obtain the flowers for the Spring AGM in Shedden..

I. **HEALTH:** Mack Jackson

No new information at this time. Mack will be attending a workshop in June.

I. **POLITICAL ACTION:** John Taylor

John requested that we make members aware of "Pop Tab Project". Wheelchairs are still needed for our challenged children.

The rally to save our County Courthouse was well attended. Further information is detailed in the local newspaper.

PSA testing is now covered.

Earth Hour was a success; John shared information re environmental concerns with ethanol production.

I. **PENSIONS:** Dave Giles

- II. The annual meeting for the Teachers' Pension Plan will occur in the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Changes may occur in the pension process but our pensions are secure. Further information will be available in the media and newspapers. Dave will be attending a meeting in Toronto in the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

I. **NEWSLETTER:** Jack Couckuyt

Jack will advertise the Blue Jays game (August 23<sup>rd</sup>), Wellness Day etc as he receives the information. At present 21 members choose to receive their newsletter by e-mail.

I. **WEBSITE:** Jack Couckuyt

Response continues to be positive. Jack encouraged the executive to continue to purchase software to keep the website updated. He will post information on the Blue Jays game, Wellness Day and curling.

I. **TRAVEL:** Max Charlton

30 people have signed up for the trip on the Mediterranean Cruise in September. Max is currently reviewing trip options for next year.

**Max moved that monies currently in the travel account be moved to an independent budget line. Carolyn Cameron seconded the motion. Carried**

These monies will be available to the Travel Chair for expenditures incurred in travel business involving our members. Receipts will be produced as usual for expenditures.

Wayne shared information re the Blue Jays game in August. He made a motion to subsidize the cost of a bus to a maximum of \$600.00 to reduce the cost of tickets for members wishing to participate. Max Charlton seconded the motion. Wayne will research costs for travel coach lines and obtain more information from the Provincial office re program for the day.

I. **SOCIAL & AWARDS:** Carol Gagen

Members who have been retired for 25 years will be recognized at the Spring AGM with a certificate and a donation made in their name to The Talbot Teen Centre. Cost of the dinner is waived for these members.

Carolyn Cameron will purchase a basket of local products to present to Margaret Couture, our guest speaker.

The executive is asked to meet at the Keystone Complex at 9a.m. to assist in set up on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and muffins will be available for participants prior to the business meeting.

**Committee reports should be prepared and e-mailed to Gord Park by April 30<sup>th</sup>. These reports will be made available to the members at our AGM.**

I. **SENATE REPORT:**

Carol, Dave will attend Spring Senate.

I. **CONSTITUTION:** Ric Murray

See above

**TELEPHONE:** Judy Upsdell

Carol will ask Judy to start the calling chain with news of the AGM, the Blue Jays game and Wellness Day.

I. **RECRUITMENT:** Fran Wren

Fran spoke to the workshop she attended in Toronto. Members are encouraged to invite newly retired educators, support staff (secretaries, caretakers, admin. assistants, edn. assistants, administrators) to join RTO/ERO. The rights and privileges of Associate Members are as follows:

1. the right to receive RTO/ERO provincial general publications
2. the right to participate in RTO/ERO health insurance benefits programs administered by Johnson Inc.
3. the right to request the Provincial Executive to file a request on behalf of the member for Associate Membership in the Ontario Teachers' Federation.

A preretirement workshop will be planned for November 2008. Fran will contact Provincial office and the Community Education Centre South re availability of Thurs. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Time: 4 p.m to 8 p.m. Fran invited executive to assist. A planning meeting will be arranged for September 2008.

I. **MEMBERSHIP:** Ric Murray

Ric updated the Executive on the status of our current membership. He will send the data from RTO/ERO to the executive re recent membership and "In memorial" additions.

**PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fran will be attending a "Service To Others" meeting in April to review applications for "Project Service To Others" grants.

Wayne is proceeding with "Wellness Day" plans. The next meeting for the committee is May 21<sup>st</sup>. **The committee has been asked to send information to Wayne re the presenters program by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Marg Hulls gave a report on the activities planned for Education Day at "Backus Page" on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Marg is visiting local schools to inform them of the educational opportunities for students on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Carol will continue plans for a curling day next winter for our members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

We will approach our membership to nominate a chair for the following offices: 2nd vice President, , Health Services for 2009, Archives.

Next meeting will be held at the Keystone Complex on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned at \_\_10:20 a.m.\_\_\_\_\_