

RTO District 41

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of Wednesday June 6, 2007

PRESENT: Carolyn Cameron, Dennis Collins, Mack Jackson, Fran Wren, Dave Giles, John Taylor, Jack Couckuyt, Marg Hulls, Linda White, Max Charlton Carol Gagen,

REGRETS: Ric Murray

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:35 a.m.

MINUTES:

Motion by Carol Gagen

Seconded by Mack Jackson

THAT the minutes be accepted as circulated .

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Dennis Collins

Seconded by Fran Wren

THAT The financial statement be accepted.

CARRIED

It was decided that we will pay the \$25.00 to join the Archives Association.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

□ **AGM-** after an assessment of this years Annual General Meeting it was decided that we distribute the committee reports and chairs of the committees give a very brief report at the meeting and be available for questions. The entertainment is popular and it was suggested that we have speakers on areas of interest.

□ **Senate Update-** Senators spent much time looking at the area of governance. RTO/ERO has grown from a small group acting as more of a social club into an organization that has the most successful insurance program in the country. An organization that runs an \$80 million dollar insurance program and need well-trained people to make good decisions as we are providing benefits to 38,000 members and their families. The Health Services and Insurance Committee make those decisions on behalf of our members but need extensive training to understand the insurance business and how benefit plans work. Our Health Plan is in good shape and we want it to remain so.

□ RTO/ERO will publish inserts in the upcoming Renaissance magazine outlining their position of various issues.

Our Service to Others Committee has given out almost \$100, 000 to various projects in Canada and around the world.

When a Canadian Soldier dies while on active duty condolences will be sent to the commanding officer of the soldiers home base to be forwarded to the family.

Guest speaker was the Honourable James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario,

who spoke to Senate about his project to help native students in the North increase literacy skills through his collection of books and his partnership through Frontier College to send teachers to organize literacy camps.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **ARCHIVES:** Jack Couckuyt
Carolyn thanked Linda White for her service to the District and the excellent job that she has done. Jack is having difficulty with names to go along with pictures that are submitted to him so asks that we include names and some details to go along with the pictures.
Evelyn McNeil has collected and published three volumes of materials that she has collected as the history of schools in our area. Jack will try to find out more about the copyright on the materials as he would like to make some of the material available online. Rather than purchase copies of the books for our section of the archives there will be a note to check the reference section of the library for this collection.
2. **GOODWILL:** Marg Hulls
Marg Bannon is celebrating her 100th birthday at Medcalf Gardens.
3. **HEALTH:** Mack Jackson
Mack will attend a conference in Toronto next week. He received the binder from Frank and is making his way through the material.
4. **POLITICAL ACTION:** John Taylor John continues to save the pop cans. Two projects have been completed this year and a new project is set for the Fall.
There will be 2 inserts in the upcoming *Renaissance* outlining issues that are important to RTO/ERO. They can be shared with others. The Environment will be a big issue inside Queen's Park. There are already some volunteers ready to assist with the election.
5. **PENSIONS:** Dave Giles
Motion by Jack Couckuyt Seconded by Fran Wren
That the executive support the nomination of Dave to the Provincial Pension Committee.
Carried
6. **NEWSLETTER:** Jack Couckuyt
The newsletter will go out in late July so please have all submissions to Jack by mid-July. This is our colour issue. We will include a list of new retirees if possible.
7. **WEBSITE:** Cynthia Rutledge
Cynthia is no longer able to carry on the website and so Jack is handling that position as well.
8. **TRAVEL:** Max Charlton
There are about 30 people going on the trip to Alaska. Plans are in the works for a land trip next year. The short trips continue to be very popular.
9. **SOCIAL & AWARDS:** Carol Gagen The golf tournament will be held on a Thursday September 13 at Dutton Meadows this year. The Broadbents will do our breakfast again this year.
Information was distributed for a Wellness Day sponsored by London District. The information can be shared with our members through the newsletter.
10. **SENATE REPORT:** See above.
11. **CONSTITUTION:** Elmer Lepischak
We have a new guide to use to help with revisions. The constitution needs to be revised

and hopefully revisions can be completed at the Christmas meeting.

12. **TELEPHONE:**
13. **RECRUITMENT:** Fran Wren If we know of retirees who are not members contact Fran so we can encourage them to join.
14. **MEMBERSHIP:** Ric Murray

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project Service to Others- The committee will look at Scholarship applications in August. We put up a display at Senate of the projects for which we received funding including the Backus Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

Forget the Bell Breakfast -September 4th Central United Church.

Golf Tournament - Thursday September 13th at Dutton Meadows

There are many activities that our members may be interested in throughout the area.

Suggestions- a day at Hawk's Cliff with a speaker,
a trip to Lakeview Gardens that includes a tour and lunch a Speaker
a gardening activity
a morning of curling

We can check out these ideas with our members at the Breakfast.

Vacant positions- We are still actively searching for new members to be part of our Executive

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.