

## RTO DISTRICT

Minutes of Executive Meeting of March 1, 2006

PRESENT: Rick Murray, Frank Exley, Max Charlton, Joanne Namespetra, Linda White, Jack Couckuyt, Elmer Lepischak, John Taylor

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: agenda approved with one item added.

MINUTES: previous minutes moved, seconded and approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FINANCIAL REPORT: distributed by Rick

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Archives: Linda reported on the wonderful responses from the recent advertisement seeking archival materials. Some of these items were shared with the members present. Some archival records are being stored at the Military Museum and Linda is still trying to obtain these items.
- (2) Goodwill: Marg read a special card of thanks sent to District 41 RTO/ERO as well as a card acknowledging a donation made to the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary. A list of recent obituaries was read.
- (3) Health Services: Frank reported on the submission of his newsletter item. A recent phone call received was an enquiry from one of the retiring staff at the Thames Valley District School Board who was not a teacher. This caller fits into one of the categories for associate membership - a retired non-educator who was an employee of an Ontario School Board and in receipt of a pension. The annual fee is \$43.00. Frank was asked to seek more information regarding tax exemptions for health premiums.

the possibility of inviting one of the winning choirs which performed at the recent

#### Rotary

Music Festival to sing at our annual meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed that transportation for a school choir to perform at our Annual Meeting be paid by District 41 RTO/ERO with costs not to exceed \$500.

- (6) Constitution: Elmer reported that a copy of our revised constitution had been sent to Toronto but no correspondence regarding this has been received back from Toronto. The description of the Goodwill Committee was revised. A vote regarding this revised constitution will be held at our annual meeting.
- (7) Telephone: Joanne advised that there opening for some new callers and presently 2 are needed for the West.
- (8) Political Action: John reported on the conference he attended in Toronto and outlined some of the information listed in the new manual. A report on this conference will be submitted for the newsletter. One suggestion offered to help improve the public awareness of the teachers who are volunteers in the community was to wear some type of identification indicating that the volunteer was a retired teacher and member of RTO/ERO.

#### NEW BUSINESS: Annual

Spring Senate: Rick reported on the time (May 16&17) and participants for this meeting.

Spring Regional: Rick reported on the time (May 12), location (Superstore) and participants of this meeting. Since it is being held in our District he invited anyone on the executive to attend.

Retirement Seminar: Rick will be arranging a meeting for the members who will be planning this workshop.

Annual Meeting: Brian Kenny will be the speaker for our annual meeting May 3.