

RTO DISTRICT 41

Minutes of Executive Meeting of *Wednesday, October 4, 2006*

PRESENT:, Carolyn Cameron, Dennis Collins, Frank Exley, Fran Wren, Dave Giles, John Taylor, Jo-Anne Namespetra, Ric Murray, Jack Couckuyt, Marg Hulls, Linda White, Max Charlton Carol Gagen

REGRETS:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Frank Exley Seconded by Jo-Anne Namespetra
CARRIED

MINUTES: Motion by Marg Hulls Seconded by Linda White

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Senate will be held Oct. 16-18th Senators Carol and Carolyn Ric -Constitution and Fran -Observer This year there will be a meeting for new Senators to help them understand the Senate procedures.
Pre-senate meeting in Windsor. Carol to attend
2. Membership Survey is out and all are encouraged to return it A.S.A.P.
3. Retirement Seminar plan reviewed and everything is ready for Oct 26
4. AGM - May 2, 2007
5. *Christmas Meeting* - Dec 6
Motion by Jo-Anne Namespetra Seconded by Max Charlton Cost of Dinner to be \$15.00 member and \$20.00 for nonmembers. CARRIED Pay in advance.
Entertainment to be provided by McGregor PS at 1:15 and Davenport at 1:40
Motion by Marg Hulls and Seconded by Frank Exley that an honorarium of \$100 is paid to each school provided there are no transportation costs. CARRIED
Dinner to begin at 12:30 McGregor at 1:15 Dessert 1:30
Business Meeting after dessert
Motion by Max Charlton Seconded by Dave Giles That this year both the Food Donations and Money will go to Aylmer. Each Year we will rotate between communities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Marg Couture seeking support at Senate.
2. Thank You card received from the Railway Hall of Fame thanking for donation
3. Invitation from Railway Hall of Fame to attend the induction ceremony Oct 21st. The event to be held in the dining room 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets \$25 available at 691 Talbot St.- Railway Hall of Fame Office. Other events include decorating the windows for Christmas, a Formal Dance for New Year's Eve and an art exhibition in February.
Max will provide followup materials for Service to Others project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Archives** – Linda White Still having difficulty accessing archives from Board Office that are stored along with Times Journal materials. A quilt has been donated as part of archives.

The materials will be available at the end of October at the Elgin County Archived on Sunset Dr. District 41 will be willing to support Linda and the county Archivist.

2. Goodwill – Marg Hulls: Cards sent to Dave Ballantine, Sadie Blancher and Joyce Axford

3. Health Services and Insurance–Frank Exley:

Frank reported that he received a few calls each month re Health Services and Pension
He is waiting for more forms from Toronto

4. Political Action: John Taylor:

1. Frank Exley is running in the upcoming election for school board. He is seeking endorsement from the Unions.
2. RTO priorities include pension income splitting, mortgage fraud, child care, property assessment, elder abuse, energy and environment and electoral reform.
3. John distributed questions regarding educational issues that can be given to candidates.
4. Twenty radio spots available for use during the election campaign. John and Max will work together on the wording. Any announcements can be emailed out for input from the executive.
4. There was some interest in a bus trip to Toronto to see a Blue Jays game. Tours are available from Take a Break Travel. Possible trip for next year.

5. Pension Concerns- Dave Giles:

Dave distributed a historical background of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. To assist with the deficit in the fund the data for Jan 2005 was used and the plan will be reexamined in 2008. Retirees' benefits cannot change.

6. Newsletter and Website–Jack Couckuyt:

Next newsletter to go out Nov 1st . Please submit items asap.

Executive questioned as to whether to put phone # and email in the newsletter.

Distribution better as only 10 were returned for an incorrect address. 18 new retirees received the newsletter.

7. Website - Cynthia Rutledge

- . The *contact us* box on the website goes into a holding box and then forwarded to the person.
At next meeting discuss the possibility of sending the newsletter by email.

7. Recruitment: Fran Wren

A pre retirement workshop is scheduled for October 26. Carolyn sent out letters to some who have retired but not joined inviting them to join.

8. Social and Awards: Carol Gagen:

Christmas Dinner plans are above.

9. Travel – Max Charlton:

Alaska 19 day trip June 19th to July 1st has 30 people on the list. Marion is still booking some spaces. In November there will be an overnight trip to the Shaw festival and Niagra region. Cost \$195 for two days. Next year looking at Canadian land tour.

10. Telephone: Joanne Namespetra: Calling lists are out.

11. Membership: Ric Murray Our membership is increasing. The issue of duplicates on the mailing lists will be on the next meeting agenda.

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution: Ric Murray There will be a Pre-senate meeting for new Senators to help them understand Senate procedures.

Service to Others: Fran Wren We need to send final materials to show how money was spent. There will be some new criteria distributed at Senate. The new criteria require participation by RTO members.

Information about scholarship applications will be available. This year 25 scholarships were awarded. There is a requirement to teach in Canada for one year after graduation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A response has been sent to correspondence received from a member.
2. Name Tags for RTO volunteers would cost about \$11 at Ansell's . A suggestion to open it up to all members at the Christmas Dinner was made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pop Tabs are still being collected. Please bring any to the executive meetings. We can collect them at the Christmas meeting. Requests will be put in the newsletter and on Bulletin Board.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:47 a.m.