



EXECUTIVE MEETING
Tuesday, Jan.10th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Delmanor, Etobicoke

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Maryanne Chard, Lynn Farquharson, Marilyn Jones, Anne McIlroy, Bill McIlroy, Adelle Pick, Rose Ramundi, Gabrielle Benedek, Janis McCaskill, Judy Paton, Sharon Kular, and Art Witham

Regrets: Janet Thacker, Pamela Guy, Mary Jean Ricci, and Joel Nasimok

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Claudia Mang welcomed everyone back in the New Year to the executive meeting. Members shared the news that one exec. Member won the Merit Gift Card Renaissance contest by identifying the mysterious location, a 90th birthday for a member's sister was applauded, other items dealt with a trip from Buenos Aires to around Cape Horn and a visit with penguins, decluttering in preparation for a move – Whew!, a Panama trip, news that a son survived the earthquake in New Zealand, and a plan for a 16 day trip from Singapore to Hong Kong.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: Moved by Sheila Tait and seconded by Lynn Farquharson that the agenda for the Executive Meeting of January 10, 2017 be accepted. Carried

3. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1st, 2016:

Motion #2: Moved by Sharon Kular and seconded by Marilyn Jones that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of November 1st, 2016 be accepted as amended. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

- i. Joint Executive Meeting in November;
 Comments that came was that it was successful, enjoyable, informative and venue was nice. Provincial Executive that attended were impressed and thanks were sent to the Provincial Office. Claudia is trying to summarize the comment and question sheets which is turning out to be difficult. Simon Liebowitz will be sent the unanswered question which will then be distributed to the various departments for answers which

will be collated and then distributed. The prize tickets from Black Creek are yet to arrive.

ii. Fall Luncheon:

A huge THANK YOU to Judy Paton for once again organizing an excellent luncheon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Sparklettes. It was good to be back at Islington.

iii. Report on New Members' Breakfast:

There was a wide ranging discussion on what was the preferred venue and format e.g. Markland Woods, Old Mill, Islington, St. Georges and the costs associated with each. It was decided that Markland Woods would be the venue. A Hot breakfast meeting would be held on Sept. 19th with a cut off date of Sept. 8th for registration. This would be announced in the April newsletter of District 22 with "blasts 'going out periodically at later times. It was pointed out that with changes at the union and provincial level new retirees have to choose their association with a retirement organization by June 30th. It was felt that a later Sept. date was now better. New members would be known and invited to attend free of charge. Others wishing to attend would be charged the full rate and same rate would apply to guests. It would be a celebration of their retirement and a welcome to Dist.22. Exec. Would be present to answer questions/talk about activities. It was pointed out that now the RPW's become even more important and a major vehicle for recruitment. RTO partners (Johnsons, merit Travel, best Doctors, Elder Care, Venngo) would be invited to attend to do a 2 minute talk at the most and /or set up information tables. The "To Hell With The Bell Luncheon" would be held the first day after Labour Day at the Queensway Mandarin and each person pays their own way. There was a discussion about the ability of RTO to attract new members given the competition with OTIP/RTIP and their advantage.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Claudia Mang reported on a thank you note from Irwin Kelly; an offer from Gary Hepworth of the Osteoporosis Society to do a presentation on "Navigating the Health Care System"; emails about the Fall Luncheon, inquiries about events

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

At the Nov.30th, 2016 meeting, a Treasure's Report was received and a motion passed that the Treasurer receive and deposit monies and that only one debit card be in his possession for banking purposes. Reports were heard about various District activities. The Governance issue for RTO/ERO was raised and tabled for discussion at the January meeting.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report due to transition to a new Treasurer. Book for 2016 has been closed. New computer is in hand and quicken purchase in process.

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

A thank you was extended to the committee investigating the proposed change to the Breakfast function. Guidelines and criteria have been received for the anniversary activities (\$2000 base plus \$1 per person above a 1000 membership count. Have to be "NEW" events and to be in 2017/2018- e.g. special interest, involve members, an initiative in the District. Claudia Mang and Karl Sprogis will attend the Presidents' Workshop in March. There is a Communications Workshop, June 25/26 to be attended by Joel Nasimok and Bill McIlroy. Provincial executive is working on a new fact sheet re: Insurance issues.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**a. Social:**

Request was made for Annual Meeting re: ideas for speakers. Lori McDonald Blunden was suggested. Cost issue was raised.

Motion #3: Moved by Judy Paton and seconded by Anne McIlroy that the cost be raised to \$40. Carried

b. Travel:

Scheduled trips are outlined in the recent District 22 newsletter.

c. Awards:

No items other than to point out that in the Fall issue of Renaissance there is an item about Bruce McLean a District 22 member.

d. Constitution:

No report

e. Goodwill:

District 22 lost 12 members due to their passing. The next Have-a-Java is on January 18th, 2017, (10 to 11:30) at the Second Cup at Cloverdale. This is held every third Thursday of the month. Next RTO Luncheon is at the Prince Steakhouse, Feb.12th (555Eglinton Avenue), time: TBA.

f. Foundation News:

No report

g. Health/ Insurance:

No Report

h. Members/Telephone:

Lynn Farquharson distributed to the executive names of members who volunteered to call District 22 members about the AGM and Spring Luncheon. It was requested that the calls be made earlier than usual. This is an important function for the district and it was requested that executive members be able to report by the April 4th meeting their results but earlier if possible. If an executive member is unable to contact a name on their list after multiple tries please forward that name to Lynn. The more callers that we have the fewer calls each person will have to make.

i. Newsletter:

There is a new contact at the printer. Draft #2 has gone to some for proofing. Request that feedback be made by Friday, Jan. 13th. Hard copies sent out by 27th.

j. Pensions/Retirement Concerns:

A valuable fact sheet is on the web site. Prospect for the future (Fall of 2017) is a self-assessment survey. Bill C27 is on the horizon which deals with Defined vs. Target Pension Plans. Grandfathering should apply to members.

k. Political Advocacy:

Comments and some discussion on Political changes in the U.S. and the world wide ripple effect of that change; up-coming changes in the Trudeau Cabinet to reflect that challenge; the Trudeau Tour; economic ups and downs.

l. Recruitment/Membership:

District 22 has 250 Associate members and 2252 Full for a total membership of 2502.

m. Retirement Planning Workshops:

It was reported that the workshop at Markland Wood was hugely successful but it was over-subscribed and that this venue not be used again because it was too small for the event and that a substitute venue needs to be found.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

No announcement.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, Feb.7th, at location TBA