

RTO DISTRICT 22
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Del Manor, Etobicoke

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Gary Parkinson, Lynn Farquharson, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Sharon Kular, Anne McIlroy, Janis McCaskill, Joel Nasimok, Judy Paton, Adele Pick, Art Witham, Harold Royle, Maryanne Chard

Regrets: Bonnie Hamilton, Janet Thacker, Helen Gill

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:
A couple of April "Happy Birthday" wishes, reports on trips done and up-coming, involving Mexico, China, Arizona, California, Costa Rica, Florida (no Zika mosquitoes returned with them as far as is known) Scotland and Disney Cruises, a couple of reports on knee surgeries with good results.
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
Motion #1: It was moved by Claudia Mang and seconded by Joel Nasimok that the Agenda for the Executive Meeting be accepted. Carried
3. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2ND , 2016
Motion #2: It was moved by Anne McIlroy and seconded by Adele Pick that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of February 2nd , 2016 be accepted. Carried.
4. BUSINESS ARISING:
 - i. Meeting of the Toronto Joint Executive on March 4th, 2016.
The decision was made to go with Black Creek Pioneer Village as a venue and with their catering. Food for lunch will be Black Creek Salad with sandwiches in croissants or wraps with coffee, tea, juice, and muffins. Topic that was decided upon was "Getting to Know RTO-ERO". Jim Grieve will be invited to talk to the group about the future of RTO-ERO. Other invitees will be: Martin Higgs, Martha Foster, Simon Liebovitz, Lori McDonald- Blundin, Ewa Romanski(Financial Officer).
Possible Format:
Panel of Experts in a Q and A – with Jim Grieve to speak for 10 to 15 minutes, small group discussion and creation of questions for Panel. Panel Presentation and final discussion in groups. Timelines: arrival 9:30; meeting begins 10:00; morning break 11:10 to 11:30; Lunch at 12:30; departure at 2:30. Members will be able to tour Pioneer Village whenever they finish lunch.

Committee members will notify their respective executives. Joel Nasimok will be asked to send out registration information to all executives when prepared.

Next meeting: Wed. April 20, 2016
Finalize Numbers by October 15, 2016

- ii. Spring Senate:
Pre-Senate meeting is: May 4th. Senate dates are: May 16th to 18th.
Sheila Tait and Claudia Mang are Senators; Janet Thacker and Karl Sprogis are Observers. One of the up-coming events to be discussed is 50th Anniversary of RTO-ERO.
 - iii. District 22 AGM and Annual Luncheon: Date is Tuesday June 7th.
Invitations are out and arrangements are in place.
 - iv. District 22 Newsletter: The second proof of the draft was made available to executive for perusal and suggestions. Expectation is that it will be out by April 8th.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
None. Other issues: Question about a Goodwill Workshop and the date for it. Mention was made of District 16's "Ezine". Information from Simon Liebovitz re: Birthday Lists. These will continue but there will be changes.
6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:
Meeting report was presented under Business Arising. Question about signatures on cheques was discussed and how detailed reports need be about expenditures. Discussion on RPW's involved the nature of the presentations. April 9th is the last Spring session. Some discussion whether a Saturday was the optimal day to hold these versus at the end of a work day.
7. TREASURER'S REPORT:
One half of the annual grant to the District has been received. Some discussion about the benefits of having two accounts TD (chequing) and ING (investment with some interest revenue). The treasurer will review status and options available. Payment for a second person to attend the Presidents' Workshop and accompanying expenses was approved.

MOTION #3: It was moved by Art Witham and seconded by Adele Pick, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

iPAD AND iPHONE workshops are scheduled at Tapestry for April 20th and 27th. There is some consideration about approaching Del Manor re: future workshops. Christ the King Church is the location of the workshop on Financial Planning During Retirement on May 9th with support from Pace Credit Union. A Wills and Executors workshop covering the new rules will be held May 13th. Registration will be via an email blast.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Communications/Website:

Joel Nasimok reported that there has been lots of correspondence with RTO head office around the continuing issues of government rules regarding emails and spam. Province has suggested web servers such as "Go Daddy" (used by District 22) and cautioned on the issue of cost vs. company's offering service for free. Members need to be advised that if the "unsubscribed" button is hit when receiving District 22 Newsletters and email blasts that it is very difficult to get them back on the email list. Presently on a 1 year deal with Go Daddy at a fee of \$10.99 a month. Charges to increase to \$21.99. There does not seem to be an alternative.

Motion #4: Joel Nasimok moved that a raise for fee be approved with a limit of \$300 a year and seconded by Claudia Mang. Carried.

Other issue is phone number and email changes by members. Need to go through Provincial Office to update.

b. Goodwill:

Six families of deceased members received condolences cards. Three members received birthday cards on their 90th birthday in April. Have-a-Java at Cloverdale saw 3 new members in February. Forty- six members have accessed this social gathering on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Goodwill workshop is scheduled for June 12 and 13.

c. Health/Insurance:

A shift in U.S. exchange rate has adversely affected the reserves. Reimbursement for generics has increased. If members have suggestions for plan enhancement, their ideas should be submitted to the Health Committee. A Health workshop is

scheduled for May 29th and 30th with the topic of “Embracing Longevity”. The window for enrolment in the RTO Health Plans has been extended to the end of April. The question was asked as to the reason for RTO not having a relationship with a fitness organization. It was pointed out that there could be other affinity groups that could be established and is RTO missing out on this?

d. Newsletter:

Draft of up-coming newsletter was circulated. The issue was raised that going forward there needs to be more support given to the editor.

e. Members/Telephone:

Most of the results of calls re potential volunteer callers are in. A big THANK YOU to the Executive for helping out. If any calls need to be finalized, please do so as soon as possible. The call lists need to be finalized for volunteers sooner than later.

f. Recruitment:

Invitations re: “To Hell With The Bell” Breakfast in September were handed out for delivery. At present there are 2213 full members and 228 associate members for a total of 2441.

g. Political Advocacy:

It was pointed out that there is much political unrest, especially in the U.S. The economic outlook is worrisome. The recent budgets have people excited or worried depending on their respective outlooks e.g increased costs for some. Concern about the initial changes to the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan which would have seen a financial impact on some members and then the reversal by the government.

h. Travel:

The future Newsletter will contain information about the various trip opportunities and application forms. First trip is sold out and the numbers for the rest are looking good.

i. Awards:

RTO scholarships amounting to \$1000 are available to members' family members going into the Faculty of Education. One student from District 22 has qualified. District 22's nomination for the provincial award was not chosen. The chosen charity was Canadian Assistance African Relief Fund nominated by District 13, Hamilton-Wentworth.

District 22's three \$1000 awards for retired teacher's charitable organization still to be dealt with.

Members of the Executive eligible for the 10 year award are: Maryanne Chard and Bonnie Hamilton.

Johnson Inc. scholarship of \$1500 is available to a parent or grandparent who has an Auto and Home Insurance policy with Johnsons for their High School graduate going to College or University. Application is on-line. Transcript of final year needed.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

A reminder to Executive to follow up on Janet Thacker's email re: District 22's Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee is at work filling vacancies.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Executive Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.