



**RTO DISTRICT 22
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Del Manor, Etobicoke**

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Regrets: Bonnie Hamilton, Janet Thacker, Mary Anne Chard, Helen Gill

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Sheila Tait expressed condolences to Marilyn Jones on the death of her father on January 9. News around the table included impending grandparenthood, the arrival of twins, upcoming travel plans, Australian Open tennis watching, the cost of home insurance, a presentation to city officials for Arts Etobicoke funding and the number of weeks of winter remaining according to Wireton Willy and his furry colleagues.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: It was moved by Claudia Mang and seconded by Sharon Kular that the Agenda for the Executive Meeting be accepted. CARRIED

3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of January 5th, 2016

Motion #2: It was moved by Karl Sprogis and seconded by Art Witham that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of January 5, 2016 be accepted as amended. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

Claudia Mang reported that a tentative date of November 8, 2016 has been set for the Joint Executives of the Toronto Districts to meet. Possible venues that are being considered include Black Creek Pioneer Village, McMichael Gallery or Global Ministries. The venue needs to accommodate 100 people. Topics for discussion will include: governance of RTO, the Code of Conduct, health plans and new legislation, marketing, privacy issues and ways of reaching out to potential associate members.

Joel Nasimok, Claudia Mang, Sheila Tait will represent District 22. Since District 22 is hosting, Sheila Tait requested the help of other executive members to help organize this event. Marilyn Jones and Anne McIlroy have volunteered to assist. Members of the Provincial RTO Executive will be invited to attend.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Sheila Tait shared the contents of a January 26 memorandum from the RTO Provincial Health and Insurance committee. RTIP have changed some of their plans, cancelled one plan and increased costs to their members effective February 1. RTO has offered RTIP members a 30 day open window for enrolment to join the RTO Health and Insurance plan should they wish to change. There would be no medical required. The window is open until February 26. Executive members were encouraged to pass on this information to any people who may be affected.

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

Claudia Mang and Sheila Tait reported on the most recent meeting they attended. There was discussion on the need to attract new associate members (school office, custodial, and maintenance staff for example) and how best to target these groups and interest them in joining RTO. Other topics of discussion included the requirement for privacy forms to be completed for individual photos and the management of those forms which must be kept for 7 years. No privacy forms need to be signed for group photos as there is always a general announcement made to members at a function to let the photographer know if a member doesn't want their photo taken. Also on the subject of privacy, birthday lists that are published will only include the month, not the exact date in compliance with provincial privacy legislation.

Motion #3: It was moved by Art Witham and seconded by Karl Sprogis that a recommendation is taken forward to provincial RTO that privacy waiver forms be scanned at the local district and uploaded to a central server for storage for the time period required by provincial law. CARRIED

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Harold Royle presented his report. There are no new updates to the January report and the balance remains \$28,326.88. The membership grant (line 7) has not yet been determined. Harold Royle announced that the Audit committee would meet after the executive meeting adjourned.

Motion #4: It was moved by Harold Royle and seconded by Anne McIlroy, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Sheila Tait reported that the winter newsletter is going to the printer this week. There was discussion around ensuring that the spring newsletter would be ready and in the hands of members by the end of April (either electronically or mailing). The spring newsletter contains the registration form for the AGM and luncheon in June. Therefore all newsletter submissions for the spring edition must be submitted by the end of March to Helen Gill. In the event of the need to communicate information more quickly, an email blast can be sent out but will only reach members who have provided email addresses. With respect to offering seminars on topics of interest to our members, Gary Parkinson suggested a presentation on dementia/Alzheimer's and Sheila Tait suggested a presentation on wills and finance. Both these topics could be offered at a morning or afternoon

session. Sheila Tait will explore some possible venues and dates that would be suitable. Judy Paton, Janice McCaskill and Claudia Mang volunteered to assist in the planning.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Awards

Sharon Kular will be meeting with the committee in February.

b. Communication/Website

Joel Nasimok reported that he welcomes information from members to put on the website. The email addresses of District 22 executive members will not be published on the website. If members wish to contact an executive member directly, their phone numbers are included in the newsletters.

c. Constitution

No report at this time.

d. Foundation News

No report at this time.

e. Goodwill

No report at this time.

f. Health/Insurance

No report at this time.

g. Members/Telephone

Lynn Farquharson reminded the executive that they need to complete their phone calls to our volunteer callers to confirm if they will call again this year and report their results by April 1. She thanked those who had already completed their calling.

h. Newsletter

The deadline for the winter newsletter has passed so information about the RTIP health insurance changes cannot be included.

i. Pension/Retirement Concerns

Janice McCaskill reported that the pension increase for 2016 was reflected in your January 2016 pension deposit. The cost of health insurance benefits have also been increased by Johnson and were reflected in the December 2015 payment.

j. Political Advocacy

Art Witham noted that optimism still abounds with respect to the new Liberal government in Ottawa. He noted that there is budget yet to come. The federal government is meeting with provincial governments and the provinces are speaking to each other. Unspent monies from previous years are now being reported for some ministries. On a less optimistic note, the downturn in the oil sector has resulted in people leaving Alberta and returning to their home provinces. Other topics of note include the future of CCAC's and the shifting transit plans in Toronto.

k. Recruitment/Membership

Adele Pick reported that membership has remained the same since the last report (Nov. 30, 2015)

Full members: 2196

Associates: 216

l. Retirement Planning Workshops

Gary Parkinson reported that RTO is offering 2 workshops:

Feb. 25, 2016 @ Q-SSIS Banquet Hall 5:30-8:30 pm

3474 Kingston Rd.

Pre-register by Feb. 12

Saturday April 9, 2016 @ the 519 Community Centre 9 am – 12 noon

519 Church St.

Pre-register by March 25

Claudia Mang reported that OECTA is also offering a retirement planning workshop for Catholic teachers and staff on Feb. 5 at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

m. Social

The AGM and luncheon will be on Tuesday June 7 at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Judy Paton reported that the fall luncheon will be held on Wednesday November 16 at Lambton Golf and Country Club. Judy is looking into entertainment for both of these functions. Pan Man Pat who performed at last year's June luncheon was well received. It was suggested that during that during the entertainment portion of the fall luncheon, attendees should be reminded to refrain from talking during the entertainment as it impacts the enjoyment for others.

n. Travel

Pam Guy reported that there are 30-35 people signed up for all trips. Once the winter newsletter comes out, she anticipates that more people will sign up bringing the numbers to 40 which is the number needed.

10. ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CHARITY AWARD:

Sharon Kular reported that our nominee for this award must be submitted by March 11. There was consensus to nominate "Pelletier Youth in Transition" for this award. This organization helps youth 16-24 who have aged out of the child welfare system, make a successful transition towards independence. Through support, counseling, outreach and coordination, they empower these youth to maximize their potential.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

Karl Sprogis reported that on February 20 from 10-3 pm, Cloverdale Mall will be hosting a community outreach day. A broad range of agencies and services will have tables set up with staff and information to share. Discussion ensued about the possibility of inviting agencies and businesses to set up information tables at the fall luncheon. (EG – Pearl Vision, Tapestry, PACE Credit Union). Judy Paton will follow up with Lambton Golf Club re the feasibility of this.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th , 2016