



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

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Gary Parkinson, Maryanne Chard, Helen Gill, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Sharon Kular, Janis McCaskill, Anne McIlroy, Joel Nasimok, Judy Paton, Adele Pick, Harold Royle, Art Witham and Janet Thacker

Regrets: Bonnie Hamilton and Lynn Farquharson

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Sheila Tait welcomed the Executive to Del Manor, a new meeting place for the next while. They have been most hospitable and welcoming! News around the table included appliances that have served their time, new smart tv's, trips to Niagara Falls and Calgary, the fascination with the new Star Wars movie and the last season of Downton Abbey.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: It was moved by Claudia Mang and seconded by Adele Pick, that the Agenda for the Executive Meeting be accepted as ammended. CARRIED

3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of November 3rd, 2015:

Motion #2: It was moved by Claudia Mang and seconded by Judy Paton, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of November 3rd, 2015 be accepted as ammended. CARRIED

Janet Thacker thanked Karl Sprogis for the keeping of the Minutes in her absence.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

None at this time.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Claudia Mang indicated that with the upcoming 50th Anniversary of RTO/ERO, the Ad Hoc Planning Committee is looking for 10 members who qualify ie. experience in event planning, service at the provincial level, exceptional knowledge of RTO/ERO history. Due date is February 1st.

Sheila Tait forwarded the Request for Funds for 2016 for Toronto Districts to Harold Royle. There are two options for payment. Harold Royle indicated that District 22 will pay the full amount in one installment shortly.

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

Sheila Tait shared several items from the organization:

At the recent meeting in November, a new secretary was appointed and the budget approved.

With respect to the RPW's: a new location is being searched out, new promotional items with RTO/ERO logo were discussed, online registration is being updated and February 25th is the next workshop.

We are very pleased that Claudia Mang has been appointed the Chair of the next joint meeting in Fall 2016. She indicated that Black Creek Village is a likely location and will be asking for volunteers from the Executive to assist in the organizing very shortly.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Harold Royle presented his report. The balance is \$28,326.88 as of January 1st, 2016. He led the discussion around suggested changes to the budget.

Some items that were mentioned: Following the motion at a fall meeting, the Discretionary Fund should have \$500.00; the attendees will pay their own workshop fees for future iPad presentations; a total of \$2200.00 should be added to provide entertainment at the two annual events. Harold Royle will revise the budget and present the changes at the next meeting for approval.

Motion #3: It was moved by Harold Royle, and seconded by Karl Sprogis, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as ammended. CARRIED

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Sheila Tait asked the Executive to think about how to promote RTO/ERO to future retirees in the education community. We have pens, pads, magnets offered to potential members at various conferences and education events. Executive suggested our presence at OPC, TSAA, Ontario School Counsellor Association, OSSTF, Science Teacher Association events at both the public and separate levels.

Consider the opportunities that District 22 has to offer to members. Should we restart the bridge club, introduce Nordic pole walking, pole dancing, book clubs, French club? Helen Gill indicated that the members have been asked to consider what they might be interested in.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Travel/Trips

Pamela Guy has included this year's trips in the Newsletter. Every month is covered with trips to Stratford Festival, Drayton Festival, Stoney Lake Cruise, Southern Ontario Train Excursion, Shaw Festival and Dunfield Theatre.

b. Communication/Website

Joel Nasimok reported that he updates continually. A new system for the website will be installed in June, but the old system will suffice until that time.

A permission form has been made available from the Provincial Office which is completed by a member when information is shared on the website or photos taken. This is not necessary in a general “crowd” photo.

Claudia Mang suggested that a reminder e-blast be sent out each month or when there is information of particular timely value to District 22 members ie. upcoming scholarship deadlines

c. Social

Judy Paton has got the ball rolling for the AGM/Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza for Tuesday, June 7th. Director Jim Grieves and Past President June Szeman (Provincial Liaison) are invited. Judy Paton is talking with Lambton Golf and Country Club for the November Luncheon with first choice of November 16th and November 9th as option. We were all reminded to be up and about welcoming our guests and the members to all our functions. With the cost of entertainment, it was a concern that some tables didn’t seem interested in listening to the performance. The talking was upsetting to some members who couldn’t enjoy the group. The Executive will need to address this at some point.

d. Goodwill

Sheila Tait welcomed Maryanne Chard back, recovered from her surgery. Maryanne thanked Marilyn Jones for looking after the Have-A-Java while she was absent. Discussion followed with a decision that District 22 will increase the “coupon” for Second Cup to \$4.00 per person.

Cards of condolence were sent to the families of:

Claude Bell, John Harbron, William Lacroix, Peter MacKenzie, Marion Peart.

Five members will celebrate their 90th birthdays in January, along with a member celebrating their 95th.

e. Health/Insurance

Anne McIlroy indicated that there will be a new mailout shortly.

f. Awards

Sharon Kular outlined upcoming deadlines for various awards:

Outstanding Community Service Awards (potentially 3 individuals for District 22), March 31st; RTO Grade 12 Scholarship Awards, February 15th (online);

Project Service To Others Award, February 28th (online); Charitable Donation, March 11th; and Founding Member Award (see Item 10). Please contact Sharon Kular for more information or go to the website.

g. Newsletter

Helen Gill announced that today is the last call for Newsletter submissions. Please use a word document, Helvetica, size 11; no graphics, no caps, no underlining. She has to remove all of these prior to sending to the printer.

h. Members/Telephone

Lynn Farquharson sent her report to Sheila Tait. Please make your calls to potential volunteer callers as soon as possible. Many callers go away during February and March and will be difficult to contact. Email Lynn Farquharson your results asap. The more hands the lighter the load, for all of us!

i. Pension/Retirement Concerns

Janis McCaskill reminded the Executive that our “salary increase” this year is 1.3 percent. OTPP has great Tip Sheets on the website: Tax Tips and more. OTPP also has a Facebook page. Also be sure to check out the RTO/ERO website. Staging Our Aging is most useful for information on brain health, falls, home security, etc. We will encourage the membership to check out all valuable websites in the Newsletter.

j. Retirement Planning Workshops

Gary Parkinson reported that the next RPW is February 25th.

k. Recruitment/Membership

Adele Pick shared District 22 numbers to November 30th, 2015:

Full Members: 2196

Associates: 216

l. Constitution

Karl Sprogis suggested that the Executive examine the constitution to determine the status of two of District 22’s portfolios, Senior Seniors and Archivist. The constitution is up for official review in 2020.

m. Political Advocacy

Art Witham mused on “it was the best of times, it was the worst of times”. There is more optimism in Canada today since we have seen the collegial nature of the new sitting federal government. However, the Canadian dollar and oil are creating concern.

Ontario has been designated a “have not” province. And Toronto council is at peace right now!

n. Foundation News

Janet Thacker reported that donation cards are being delivered to funeral homes across the province. There are 10 to 12 funeral homes in the Etobicoke/York region which will display the cards.

10. ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CHARITY AWARD

Sharon Kular posed the question as to which registered charity should District 22 support in the application. CARSO (Counsellors For At Risk Students in Ontario) is a strong frontrunner. Anne McIlroy will follow up further.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.