

# EXECUTIVE MEETING Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chartwell Residence, Etobicoke

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Janet Thacker, Mary Jean Ricci, Maryanne Chard, Lynn Farquharson, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Sharon Kular, Anne McIlroy, Bill McIlroy, Joel Nasimok, Judy Paton, Adele Pick, Rose Ramundi, Linda Rodegard, Art Witham

**Regrets:** Janis McCaskill

#### 1. WELCOME:

C. Mang welcomed everyone back, especially the newest Member at Large, Linda Rodegard. Constitution requires that quorum (i.e. two-thirds of the executive in attendance) be established at first meeting of the year. Unanimous vote accepted 10 as quorum. Failing quorum, only recommendations may be made to be presented at future meetings where quorum is met.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: Moved by A. Witham and seconded by P. Guy that the agenda for the Executive Meeting of Sept. 12, 2017 be accepted. CARRIED

# 3. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING of June 7, 2017: Motion #2: Moved by R. Ramundi and seconded by M. Jones that the minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 7, 2017 be accepted. CARRIED

# 4. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

i. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The committee members C. Mang, M. Jones, R. Ramundi, M. Chard, M.J. Ricci and J. Nasimok met in August. Thanks to M. Jones for hosting the meeting. The theme is Looking Back Over 50 Years in Etobicoke York. Plans for recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary include:

- A brief history of the district to be compiled by C.Mang and J. Nasimok, including memories from members to be requested via e-blasts.
- Trivia related to D22 will be used in emails entitled 50 Fun Facts to be sent out over 10 months with 5 facts in each email beginning in January 2018.
- An afternoon Tea & Trivia will be held in April tentatively at the Meridian Banquet Hall with a light buffet and an education themed trivia tournament.

- A silent auction is planned with arts & craft donations from members, held at the Trivia event, with proceeds to be shared equally among the RTO Foundation, as well as Breakfast programs of TDSB and TCDSB.
- All past presidents will be invited to the AGM to celebrate D22 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the RTO 50<sup>th</sup>.

#### ii. Welcome Breakfast

Of the 140 invitations mailed to new members, 21 have accepted and 5 additional attendees are noted as their guests. Tables of 8 will be set up with an executive host at each table. We have guaranteed 85 guests in total. There will be 5 display tables for visiting groups.

Visiting guests include:

Colleen Knox - Johnson Insurance

Cynthia Zammit - Merit Travel

Gabriella Manitilla - Best Doctors

Erika Healey - ElderCare Select

Yolanda Bronstein - RTO-ERO Foundation

A. Pick will ask Johnson Inc. for promotional materials.

Executive should be at the venue by 8:45 a.m. Tasks are as follows:

Registration: A. McIlroy, M. Jones, A. Pick Greeters: S. Kular, B. McIlroy, P.Guy, S. Tait

Introductions: A. Pick (C. Knox), J. Thacker (Y.Bronstein)

Name tags: J. Paton

Memo pads/pens: C. Mang, S. Tait

#### iii. November Luncheon

J. Paton has booked Islington Golf Club with Blazing Fiddles as entertainment. Carts will be available for transportation from the lower parking lot. Door prizes will be \$25.00 Canadiana gift cards. A. McIlroy will contact Venngo and Chiropodist Society for display and information tables.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

C. Mang shared thank you messages from D. Garvin who presented her award to Silverthorn C.I. and Kipling Acres which received the award from H. Royle. The Rise Group requested D22 share information regarding their Pathways to Education Program which is seeking volunteers. This will be posted on the website.

A Port Hope member requested and received assistance in seeking out a former ECI teacher, who inspired a former student to author and publish a book. A signed copy of the book was presented posthumously to the teacher's surviving daughter. In appreciation, the author presented a signed copy to C. Mang as well.

## **6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:** No report.

#### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

R. Ramundi reported a balance of \$38 629.19 as of Sept. 12, 2017.

#### 8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

C. Mang announced her appointment to the Provincial Pension and Retirement Concerns Committee, with congratulations from all of the D22 executive. RTO office reported a very busy summer, processing 150 applications per week in June. All inquiries should be sent to RTO general email with D. Vezeau absent on leave. New hires include Director of Health Benefits Stephen Wong, H.R. manager to focus on volunteerism and an IT professional to upgrade the website.

At the May Senate there was an incident involving anonymous mail which alleged impropriety of the provincial executive and one individual in dealings with OTIP. Provincial Executive responded, confirmed the facts regarding negotiations, but condemned the allegations of impropriety. However sanctions may be imposed due to the inflammatory nature of the text. Investigation is ongoing.

In order to improve efficiency and brevity of meetings the following motion was put forward.

Motion #3: Moved by C. Mang and seconded by J. Nasimok that henceforth the Roundtable be held at September and January meetings exclusively. CARRIED

C. Mang and K.Sprogis will attend the Senators Workshop Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to review policy bylaws. The following have been submitted by the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Provincial Executive election:

| POSITION                       | NAME              | DISTRICT | DISTRICT            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
|                                |                   |          | NAME                |
| President                      | Martha Foster     | 41       | Elgin               |
|                                | David Kendall     | 20       | Frontenac, Lennox & |
|                                |                   |          | Addington           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Laurie Fountain   | 46       | Muskoka             |
|                                | Rich Prophet      | 3        | Algoma              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Judith Bowden     | 7        | Windsor-Essex       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | Richard Goodbrand | 31       | Wellington          |
|                                | Lorna Wilson      | 8        | London, Middlesex   |

Executive Director J. Grieve invites all 4 Toronto Districts to participate in a conference call on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. C. Mang will email further information.

### 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### a. Recreation:

C. Mang and S. Tait reported that iPad/iPhone seminars have been well attended. These were held June 13<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Others will be held Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and Oct.23<sup>rd</sup>. More sessions are planned for May and June. All take place at Tapestry. Final information seminar was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> by Best Doctors and Eldercare Select. A movie club has been established for members, 62 of whom have expressed their interest to date following the summer email bulletin. Members completed an online survey to determine their genre preferences. Results have been shared with the current list of interested parties. An email account has been set up to share information with this group d22movieclub@gmail.com.

Further details will be in the upcoming newsletter and e-blast. Members will be notified via email of the upcoming matinee screening of the selected film one week prior to the day. Screenings will be the second Tuesday of the month from October to June at Queensway Cinemas.

S. Tait requested suggestions for further seminar topics.

# **b.** Awards: No report.

#### c. Communication/Website:

J. Nasimok reported that he is no longer serving on the Communications Committee. At the last meeting it was recommended that there should be a third individual to act as Social Media manager in order to track membership and assist the webmaster. A. Witham has graciously agreed to assume the role of webmaster for next year. All of the executive appreciate the fine efforts of J. Nasimok in his role as webmaster. He and A. Witham, who are both skilled media individuals plan to work closely to ensure a seamless transition.

**c. Constitution:** No report.

#### e. Goodwill:

R. Ramundi presented for M. Chard, who reported the passing of 6 members as of Sept.12<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon group had 18 attendees at La Castille on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> where all enjoyed the food, service and ambiance. On October 16<sup>th</sup> the luncheon will be at The Open Cork. (Changed because Thanksgiving is the second Monday.) All other months will be the second Monday. At Have a Java, we had 8 members in June, 8 in July and 10 members participating in August, one of whom is a prospective member, retiring this year. We encouraged her to join RTO. Upcoming dates: September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**f. Health/Insurance**: No report.

**g.** Members/Telephone: No report.

#### h. Newsletter:

B.McIlroy reported that we have an excess of hard copies being printed. It was decided that only 200 copies are required beyond those which are mailed. A new printer company Britannia has been engaged, however they will not format the newsletter. Although this will result in cost savings, hardware and software will be required to format the newsletter before submitting to the printer.

Motion #4: Moved by K. Sprogis and seconded by J. Thacker that B. McIlroy investigate and report for next meeting on the purchase cost of appropriate hardware and software necessary for newsletter publication. CARRIED

i. Pensions/Retirement Concerns: No report.

#### j. Political Advocacy:

A. Witham advised all to remain informed of developments involving NAFTA talks and North Korea activity. Reminder that 2018 sees provincial and municipal elections.

## k. Recruitment/Membership:

A. Pick provided brochures for the RPWs. She reported that as of July31<sup>st</sup>, District 22 has 2278 full and 272 associate members totaling 2550. Having immediate online access, J. Nasimok was able to provide information as of Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, noting 2291 full, 277 associates for total membership of 2568.

## 1. Retirement Planning Workshops

S. Tait reported that the next workshop date is Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Weston Golf & Country Club. Tentative 2018 dates pending venue availability are:

- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at 519 Church
- April 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> at the Estates (Scarborough)
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> at the Weston Golf & Country Club

Locations and dates will be researched further for a decision at the Toronto Districts meeting and submission to the RTO Provincial by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mailings have gone out to TDSB & TCDSB for distribution. The RPW committee would like to have 3 members from each district serving on the committee. D22 has S.Tait, C. Mang and M. Chard attending.

#### m. Social:

J. Paton has booked the Crown Plaza for a June 6<sup>th</sup> AGM.

#### n. Travel

P. Guy reminded all of the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Trent-Severn Cruise and Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Guys and Dolls in Stratford. Once new opportunities are offered in December future events will be posted.

## **10. FOUNDATION REPORT:** No report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

C. Mang shared the success of the first No Bell Luncheon at Mandarin on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> with 32 celebratory members in attendance. Several long standing members attended their first ever D22 event. Many compliments were received at the event and via email afterwards. Many thanks were expressed to C. Mang for her planning and organization.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Chartwell Residence.