



**RTO DISTRICT 22
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Wednesday, June 8th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Delmanor, Etobicoke**

MINUTES

Present: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Gary Parkinson, Gabrielle Benedek, Maryanne Chard, Helen Gill, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Anne McIlroy, Bill McIlroy, Judy Paton, Adele Pick, Rose Ramundi, Mary Jean Ricci, Harold Royle, Art Witham and Janet Thacker

Regrets: Lynn Farquharson, Bonnie Hamilton, Sharon Kular, Janis McCaskill, and Joel Nasimok

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Sheila Tait welcomed the combined Executive to the meeting. Congratulations were extended for a most successful AGM and Luncheon. A special welcome was extended to the new Executive: Gabrielle, Rose, Mary Jean and Bill.

As new members join us, we also say thank you to those who have served with passion and excellence for so many years, and who are moving on. You all leave large shoes to fill. Thank you Gary Parkinson, Bonnie Hamilton and Helen Gill for your service to others. Sheila turned the meeting over to Claudia Mang.

Claudia Mang echoed the sentiments of Sheila Tait. There were lots of exciting reports as stories circulated around the table: a Disney Cruise, Mama Mia, cottage fun and fiascos, a Mississippi plane trip, even a new car! Maryanne Chard thanked RTO District 22 for the recognition of her 10 years of service.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: It was moved by Karl Sprogis and seconded by Anne McIlroy, that the Agenda for the Executive Meeting be accepted. CARRIED

3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of May 3rd, 2016:

Motion #2: It was moved by Gary Parkinson and seconded by Maryanne Chard, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 3rd, 2016 be accepted as amended. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

i. AGM/Luncheon Review

Claudia Mang offered congratulations to the Executive and in particular to Judy Paton. Two suggestions for next year: make an announcement at the Luncheon with regards to all the awards presented during the earlier AGM; and, place extra/leftover copies of the AGM package at the luncheon tables for perusal. Many who attend the AGM leave the copies of the package.

ii. Dates for 2016/2017

Janet Thacker circulated the draft of dates for the upcoming year. The January meeting was bumped a week later as Christmas Holidays extend further into the month. Judy Paton is negotiating with Crowne Plaza for next year's AGM/Luncheon. She will book Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 and June 6th as the fall back date. The final Executive meeting will then follow on the Wednesday or Thursday within the same week of the AGM, at Delmanor.

iii. Planning for THWTB, September 14th

Adele Pick thanked the Executive for delivering the invitations to all the schools in the District. This is the most important contact that we have for recruitment purposes and a personal visit to main offices makes such a difference. There was some discussion about reviewing the messaging on the invitation for next year (ie.) the outstanding benefit package offered by RTO/ERO.

The logistics are falling into place for the Breakfast. Name Tags (Adele Pick and Judy Paton), RTO/ERO magnifiers, pens and pads, District Newsletters will be on the Welcome Table. The Executive should circulate to welcome those considering joining. It was suggested that Janet Thacker offer the "Why I Joined RTO" speech again. The video seems redundant and therefore we will omit it this year.

iv. Newsletter

Bill McIlroy received a mass of information from Helen Gill previous to the meeting and is ready to go forward with a Fall Newsletter. Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis and Bill McIlroy will meet with the printer in July. It was suggested that the Newsletter include an ad for the printer as well as Delmanor, as they have been so forthcoming with their support for the District. Helen Gill encouraged Awards and Biographies be forwarded at the earliest time to assist in the preparation of the Newsletter. Bill McIlroy asked that all items be sent by mid-August and will send out a reminder notice. Janet Thacker informed Bill McIlroy that there has been an Editorial Board for the publication which is eager to assist in proofing and/or giving ideas.

Gary Parkinson offered that we need to re-evaluate the numbers of issues that are printed. Sheila Tait will check numbers with Joel Nasimok. Typically an extra 200 are printed for promotional purposes and perhaps the 1500 that are printed should be reduced to 1000 with the increase in email send outs.

Karl Sprogis congratulated Helen Gill on her accomplishments these past few years. We can be very proud of the Newsletter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Claudia Mang shared that there have been many compliments from the membership with regards to the AGM/Luncheon. It seems that we have created an atmosphere that is most pleasant. She reported that there will be a new email address for the District, coming from the Provincial Office. Members will also see a new-look website shortly.

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

Sheila Tait reported on a recent meeting. Roger Wilson (Toronto) will be the Chair in the upcoming year. Update on the Joint Meeting: Invites will be sent and will announce that there will not be special meals offered.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Harold Royle indicated that there are no changes since the last report. However, there was discussion with regards to adding a budget line for GoDaddy.

Motion #3: It was moved by Harold Royle, and seconded by Bill McIlroy, that a budget line for GoDaddy be added for the annual cost of \$448.00. CARRIED

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Sheila Tait thanked the Executive for all the support she has received in her role as President. She may be stepping down but will remain involved as Past President in several endeavours. The seminars that Sheila Tait initiated and organized have been so well received as to be oversubscribed. It is hoped that the iPad workshop, taxes and estate planning seminar will be repeated in the coming months.

As Past President, Sheila Tait will be our representative for the Retirement Planning Workshops. Maryanne Chard, Judy Paton and Rose Ramundi have volunteered to assist.

The Executive thanked Sheila for her vision, leadership and hard work on behalf of District 22 and look forward to a continued relationship over the years.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Awards

In Sharon Kular's absence, Anne McIlroy reported that there are fewer 25 Year Certificates awarded this year. Vito Ramundi is preparing the plaques, which are most impressive.

b. Communication/Website

In Joel Nasimok's absence, Claudia Mang reported that the website is going live soon. Please keep in mind that he will need one month's notice for posting on the District calendar.

c. Constitution

Karl Sprogis reported that RTO/ERO is processing through the Strategic Plan with some round table discussions at Spring Senate. There was opportunity to offer feedback on how

change will proceed with regards to status of Not For Profit organizations such as RTO/ERO. Ontario has as yet to pass legislation that gives direction to NFP's and therefore wisdom seems to dictate that Canadian law would be the wise choice for our organization. Consultants and lawyers made presentations at Senate and the staff at Provincial Office will continue to examine how to proceed.

Karl Sprogis presented information on the Code of Conduct and asked that the Executive who wish to give input do so before July.

d. Foundation

Janet Thacker reported that the Foundation representatives around the province participate in teleconferences bi-annually.

e. Goodwill

Maryanne Chard reported that she received notification of the following recent deaths: Horace Moore, Ruth Hackett, Diane Hughes, Saverio Monaco, Thomas Throop, Mary Walsh.

There are three 90th birthdays: Iona Willson, Geraldine O'Meara, Gordon Hollowell.

In spite of the Mama Mia event on the same day, Have A Java had 8 in attendance in May. Upcoming dates: June 16, July 21, August 18 and September 15.

Mary Jean Ricci volunteered to run the June 16th Java, as it coincides with the June trip.

f. Health/Insurance

Anne McIlroy attended the May 30th workshop. She highlighted several points: Embracing longevity was the message; a comparison of other benefit packages indicates that others don't hold a candle to RTO/ERO; however, we must acknowledge the competition as 76 percent of retired teachers are with RTO/ERO, when the statistic used to be 90 percent chose RTO/ERO as provider; Best Doctors Canada is now included in the Extended Care package. A reminder that the members of RTO/ERO make the decisions about our own plan. This is an outstanding benefit to all!

g. Members/Telephone

No report at this time, although callers are continuing to connect with the membership.

h. Newsletter

Bill McIlroy thanked the Executive in advance for helping with the next Newsletter.

i. Pension/Retirement Concerns

No report at this time.

j. Political Advocacy

Art Witham indicated that assisted dying legislation is moving along. Watch for how surplus schools will be used. Gary Parkinson advised that the Education Act is very specific about how unused schools can be utilized.

k. Recruitment/Membership

Adele Pick thanked the Executive for delivering the THWTB invitations. As of May 31st, District 22 has a total membership of 2,434, with 4 over 100 years of age, and 2 under 55.

l. Retirement Planning Workshops

Gary Parkinson reported that the next workshop is November 3rd. Sheila Tait as Past President will now represent the District.

Gary thanked the Executive for years of excellence and kindness. He will miss the camaraderie. We will miss Gary! His insight and leadership have been steady and unwavering for many years.

m. Social

Judy Paton is preparing for the Fall Luncheon even before our June event has unfolded. Listen Up Canada will be considered to host a table and the entertainment budget is \$1000. Lambton Golf and Country Club and Markland Woods are being considered.

***(NB the Fall Luncheon is November 16th at Islington Golf Club).**

n. Travel

Pam Guy reported that all trips are well under way. Port Stanley Train Excursion is September 22nd; Alice in Wonderland at Shaw Festival is October 12th; Sister Act at Dunfield Theatre Cambridge is November 24th.

10. ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CHARITY AWARD

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

***To Hell With The Bell Breakfast at the Canadiana on Wednesday, September 14th**

***Executive Meeting to follow**