

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 8325 RIVERSIDE RD. E., WINDSOR, ON, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Gord Miall, Marg Clarke, Roger LeBlanc, Marilyn Laframboise, Judy Bowden

1. President Jim Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and welcomed all.
The Statement of Purpose was read by Executive Member Marilyn Laframboise.

2. **Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Gord Miall; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried**

3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Executive Meeting as amended (item 6 – 12th line – change \$1000 to \$10,000) - moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Leo Couture. Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Notice of Motion from December Executive meeting – **That effective with the Summer 2017 Newsletter, all members with email addresses shall receive the newsletter via email and that those members with email addresses still wishing a hard copy may do so by informing the Assistant Newsletter Editor. – moved by Gord Miall; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried.**

Further investigation may be made as to the printer labelling and mailing.

b) Designated Charity for 2017. **Motion – That “the house youth centre (Amherstburg)” be the District 7 Designated Charity for 2017 – moved by Marilyn Laframboise; seconded by Judy Bowden. Carried.**

Marilyn will attempt to determine the number of RTO members and active teachers involved in the organization with the view to determine a possible PSTO grant.

c) Grant Submission – Marg Clarke

Marg forwarded a grant submission to the committee. No further action was taken.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Jim Sparrow

- Communication from Provincial as forwarded to the Executive

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Leo Couture

Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet.

Leo reminded Executive members to sign each receipt submitted and indicate what the items were for, in addition to completing a budget form each time receipts are submitted.

Motion – That the Treasurer’s Report for January 9, 2017 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Gord Miall. Carried.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Judy Bowden (Provincial Executive Liaison)

Judy spent considerable time outlining the possible RTO/ERO upcoming Governance changes. Her presentation included the process, the reasons for change, the effect on our members and our Districts’ organization, changes to Senate responsibilities and organization, the change to a Board of Directors model, elections, and the impact on the Provincial Office. The Executive had many questions for Judy and provided her with requested feedback and suggestions.

Provincial Executive members will be making the same presentation to the Executive of every District and will report feedback to the Provincial Governance Committee.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President– Jim Sparrow

Attended December Breakfast Club; forwarded Provincial communication to Executive; responded to two member concerns and one request for information; submitted names of 2017 Senators to provincial as requested.

Past President – Judy Bowden N/R

First Vice-President/President-Elect – Marg Clarke – N/R

Second Vice-President – Bill Bowden N/R

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride N/R

Awards Committee – Bill Bowden N/R – Please give some thought to the Community Service Award which is given at the Spring Luncheon

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden – N/R – submissions usually arrive in March.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke N/R

Communications Committee

- a) Newsletter – John McLaughlin – N/R
- b) Public Relations and Media Representative – Judy Bowden – N/R
- c) Website – Eleanor Douglas – N/R
- d) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason – N/R

Glenna Hemphill

Twenty Birthday cards were mailed for the month of December. I delivered 64 Christmas bags to our over 90's and those in retirement residences. I enjoyed visits with these members. Many thanks to Helen Biales for all her help with the Christmas cards. She is going to help with Thinking of You cards in 2017. This is much appreciated.

Val Luscott - N/R

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

I received a phone call regarding the best form of proof when leaving the province. The member was unaware that both he and his wife need separate proof. I contacted a member after receiving an email from President Jim. The member had heard rumours about change in coverage for hearing aids etc. I received the updates in our Extended Health coverage and eagerly await our new booklet. Good news for old people. Shingles shots are now available free for all Seniors(not just the 65--70 group).

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill

Our membership total as of January 1, 2017, is 2341.

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

The RPW workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at the Caboto Club. Registration is at 8:00 a.m., workshop from 8:30- to 12:30. Workshops will be offered in English and en francais. No registration fee as per Executive motion. Registration is not yet open on the website. I contacted Gail Knox to ask about that. As the RTO/ERO office opens today, I expect to get a response from her soon. I will follow up to ensure registration can begin as soon as possible. Executive members who will be attending should let Marilyn know asap.

Nominating Committee – Judy Bowden

Executive Members are asked to consider submitting their name for Second Vice-president.

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall N/R

PAC Report- Jim Sparrow

I shared appropriate articles and information with the Executive and responded to Louise Guerien (Liaison) with District information update.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk, Freddie Beekhuis N/R

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

I met with a rep from MERIT TRAVEL in London to discuss future trips. She was to get back to me before Christmas with details on three options we selected. I hoped to present our choices to the Executive in January. I contacted her again last week and received three options from her. I will respond to her suggestions shortly.

I would like to thank Glenna for her suggestion of a local theatre trip. I will attempt to fulfill this request. It sounds good. Trip to Petrolia Theatre (Folks Like Us) is booked for August 8 (30 seats).

Stratford is being planned for mid June(Guys and Dolls). Set for Friday, June 16 matinee. Limit of 30.

The Breakfast Club continues to thrive with excellent attendance. Please join us on the 12th In Essex at the Main Street Diner or in February at Stop 42 Diner on Airport Road.

10. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Committee – George Merrett N/R

Governance Ad Hoc Committee Report- Jim Sparrow

Next meeting is January 19.

Provincial Executive – Judy Bowden N/R

11. NEW BUSINESS - None

12. Important Dates to Remember

January 12 – Breakfast Club – Main Street Diner – Essex

February 9 _ Breakfast Club – Stop 42 – across from Windsor Airport

Note – no Executive meeting in February

March 4 – RPW

March 14 – Deadline for submissions to April Newsletter

April 3 – District Executive Meeting – changed from march 27

April 6 – address and mail Newsletter

The meeting adjourned at 12:02.

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7