



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT Lilly Kazilly's

Restaurant, WINDSOR, ON, MONDAY, May 30, 2016 AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Toni Michalczuk, Jim Sparrow, Marilyn Laframboise, Gord Miall, Val Luscott, Leo Couture, Freddie Beekhuis, Marg Clarke, Emy McBride, John McLaughlin, Roger LeBlanc

REGRETS: George Merrett, Norm Renaud, Judy Bowden, Bill Bowden, Glenna Hemphill, Paul Barber, Eleanor Douglas

1. President Jim Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Jim began by introducing the panel of guest speakers from the Windsor Regional Hospital Services. Introductions were as follows:

David Musyj, CEO, Windsor Regional Hospital & Co-Chair, Program and Services Steering Committee

David Cooke, Windsor Regional Hospital & Co-Chair, Program and Services Steering Committee

Janice Kaffer, CEO of Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare & Member Windsor Regional Hospital, Program and Services Steering Committee

Dave Cooke initiated the presentation with the question: How did we get to where we are today? This was followed by a description of the activities in a timeline from April, 2012 to May 2016.

Janice Kaffan referred to the sites under the Windsor Regional Hospital umbrella with particular focus on current status and projected uses at the culmination of the mega-hospital project. Sites noted were:

Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, Tayfour Campus on Prince Road

Plans are to develop and expand a new 60-bed acute mental health wing in addition to providing and improving dialysis services and diagnostic imaging.

Urgent Care Centre/Main Satellite Site(former Grace Hospital Site)

This would become a new walk-in clinic providing several services designed to reduce/eliminate walk-ins at the Acute Care site.

Ouellette Campus

Plans are to concentrate services to chronic care concerns and establish an outpatient division.

Allison Johnson, WRH Manager of Communications, was then introduced to provide the executive with a viewing of a video describing the uses and benefits of the urgent care centre including the various services which would be provided in this "no bed" facility.

Windsor Regional Hospital, Met Campus

Janice K. then picked up the presentation with brief reference to the Met Campus noting the City of Windsor would assume ownership of this site in exchange for the former Grace Hospital Site.

New Single-Site Acute Care Hospital

A 1.6 million sq. ft., 10 story facility, located at the south-east corner of Concession 9 and Highway 42. There will be room for 500 plus beds which is greater than the number of beds in our current system. Windsor Regional Hospital will be responsible for all services.

David Musyj then assumed the speaker's position and alluded to various facets of this project. His observations included the following:

This is a \$2 billion investment with 90% from the province and 10% from the community. The importance of collaboration among the various bodies, namely province, city, county and community was stressed.

A video of the historical development over the last 50+ years of the current sites was viewed. Particular references were made to the facilities currently in operation with emphasis on the subpar conditions and the need for severe upgrades.

We are currently in the first stage of the process and confident of the eventual outcome however, the committee recognizes the importance of proceeding with determination since other municipalities are also in various planning stages of similar projects

- Stage 1: Master Plan
- Stage 2: Functional Programs
- Stage 3: Preliminary Design
- Stage 4: Project Bid
- Stage 5: Construction Implementation

An appeal was made for involvement from the community including RTO/ERO District 7 to stress to those in power the need for new hospital facilities.

Information on progress is available at www.windsorhospitals.ca . The public are encouraged to sign up at this site and receive periodic updates.

There were several questions from executive members including one on projected timeline. David advised the committee was anticipating a period of 7 to 10 years for completion of the project but stressed once again, the need for community involvement.

President Jim expressed sincere appreciation to the panel on behalf of our executive for the impressive presentation and advised we would fully support this crucial project.

President Jim called the business meeting to order.

2. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended – moved by Val Luscott; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried

3. Motion to accept the Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Executive Meeting - moved by Gord Miall; seconded by Marilyn Laframboise. Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Communications Committee Policies and Procedures – Ad Hoc Committee – to be considered next meeting
- b) Grief pamphlet update – Judy would appreciate help with this project. Executive members have been asked to volunteer.
- c) Golf Tournament – Gord confirmed the golf tournament will proceed as scheduled on Monday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Dominion Golf with five foursomes participating.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Jim Sparrow

Communications from Provincial were forwarded to Executive Members

Resignation of Norm Renaud –

Motion: Moved by Marg Clarke, seconded by Freddie Beekhuis to accept Norm’s resignation with regret. Carried

Senate Report – Received & filed

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Leo Couture

Motion: Moved by Leo Couture, seconded by Emy McBride that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as submitted. Carried.

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President– Jim Sparrow

Jim began his comments with a review of the recent procedure initiated at Spring Senate:

The Chair reports were provided to members of Senate prior to their attendance. Instead of having each Chair review the contents of their reports, the members were asked if they had any questions for the Chairs on the substance of their reports. This was found to be a time saving technique and indeed, avoided the needless repetition of reviewing information already in the hands of members. The only exception to this method concerned the Audit Committee since two important motions were required for acceptance from the members of Senate.

This being said, Jim noted since our reports were also previously available for our perusal, we would observe a similar method. Jim subsequently asked for questions from members on the substance of various reports.

No questions or concerns were expressed on the following reports:

President: Jim Sparrow

- forwarded pertinent provincial emails to Executive members as appropriate
- attended Senate and Pre-Senate
- attended LHIN Board Meeting May 24
- helped with folding, addressing of April newsletter
- attended Annual meeting and Luncheon. Chauffered guest Jim Grieve.
- attended March and April Breakfast Club
- met with Norm Renaud regarding his duties
- coordinated various articles for ecommunication with Eleanor Douglas
- attended March and April Provincial Ad Hoc Governance Committee meetings in Toronto
- attended District Presidents' Workshop in Toronto

Past President – Judy Bowden N/R

First Vice-President – Margaret Clarke

- Assisted with newsletter folding
- Acquired items for Silent Auction for the Charitable Foundation to be held at our AGM
- Organized silent auction items and bid sheets
- Printed Award Certificates and framed then that were to be given at the AGM
- Ran Silent Auction at AGM

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives - Emy McBride - N/R

Awards Committee - Marg Clarke - N/R

Bursary Committee – Marg Clarke - N/R. We should have more applicants next year.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke - N/R

Communications Committee

Newsletter - John McLaughlin - N/R

Assistant - Gord Miall - N/R

Public Relations and Media Representative - Judy Bowden N/R

Website - Eleanor Douglas

I have not purchased a new computer yet mainly due to the new ones being Windows X. One sales person suggested. I wait for sale since the combination of the RTO computer and my own enables me to do the work. I am beginning to think the prices offered directly from Acer are lower but a contemplating buying from Best Buy because of the support from The Geek squad.

Any and all suggestions are most welcome

Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee - Glenna Hemphill

Cards Sent– Birthday –71
Sympathy –1
Thinking of You–75
Valentine –104
St. Patrick’s Day –56
Easter – 47
Visits to Members–5
Telephone Calls to and from members–2

Membership Records - Glenna Hemphill - N/R. Will send out numbers when I receive them after June 1.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

1. Phone call re coverage for possible new member
2. 3 calls re proof of residency for trips. One of these was from a member who makes frequent trips to the U.S.
3. Lengthy discussion and meeting with a member re hearing aids and accompanying equipment. Member prepared a submission for change/addition which I will present to The HSIC at our annual meeting this Sunday--Monday in Toronto.
I regret that I will not be in attendance for the mega hospital presentation on Monday.

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise

Roger and I did translate and ask the French-language members to complete the survey about the luncheons. Here is the summary from 35 completed surveys. Please note that some people put more than one answer.

Day of the week: Monday: 4, Tuesday: 11; Wednesday: 17; Thursday: 10; Friday: 4.

Location: Caboto: 6; Fogolar: 17; Serbian Centre: 1; Other: Place Concorde: 8; Chatham: Casa Bianca near the river: 1; Ciociaro: 1; the county: 1; Colasanti: 1.

Meal. Buffet style: 23; Family style: 8; Plated: 3.

Cost: between 15\$ and 25 \$: 21.

Entertainment: yes: 10; no: 16. Suggestions: music, singers, comedian, dancers.

Speaker: yes: 5; no: 15. Suggestions: health/health services; education, tech issues, recreation.

Ideal start and end times: between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for most.

Nominating Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall N/R

Political Advocacy – Jim Sparrow(Interim)

I am sure everyone is aware of the concerns in Health Care, which seem to dominate the news. Saturday's (as one of many emails read) was certainly unique. Locally, the cuts to RNs at Metropolitan (Windsor Regional) dominated many headlines.

Vote in the Volunteer-Led Referendum

**To save our local hospital services & stop the cuts to our
community hospitals**

Two motions passed at the April Provincial Executive Meeting are of interest.

1. THAT RTO/ERO accept the partnership agreement between McMaster Optimal Aging Portal and RTO/ERO. (you really should check it out- it is excellent)
2. THAT RTO/ERO investigate the possibility of joining the Ontario Health Coalition and the Canadian Health Coalition. (In my estimation, it is about time. This was first proposed at PAC 14 years ago.)

This month's Erie St. Clair LHIN Open Board Meeting took place in Windsor. Only two Board meetings are held outside Chatham a year. I was in attendance basically to see how LHINs is operating these days. When I last attended one, the agenda was not available ahead of time and most everything presented at the Open Meeting was generic. Although the agenda was available a few days ahead of time, most everything was generic. A two hour closed Board meeting had been held before the Open meeting. There was a packed house. Many hospital employees and ,of course, the protesters who are against the new hospital location.(CAMPP). Only three of their delegations were allowed to speak. The Board Chair, Martin Girash, reminded everyone that it is not LHINs role

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk

Toni submitted the survey results from the recent AGM

21 surveys submitted-

Day preferred-

- Mon. -0
- Tues.- 9
- Wed. - 13
- Thurs. -11
- Fri. -2 (some chose 2 or 3)

- Location-

- Caboto-13
- Folular-7
- Serbian- 7
- Other- 5- (Torino, county, rotate)

- Meal- Buffet- 14

- Family Style- 8
- Plated-2

- Cost- \$ 15-20 for majority

- Entertainment- Yes-8; No- 8

Kind- Music- 2; background- 2

- Speaker- Yes- 9 No- 3

Topics- relevant to the day (2); travel; health;pension issues

- Ideal Start /EndTime- Average - 11:00 to 1:30

Comments- coordinate with RWTAO as both luncheons are too close together (4); also cocordinate with RW re: travel and social events; serve meal on time as advertised; many positive comments regarding Jim Grieve's presentation; free lunch draw a good idea (3);larger font on reports; earlier and more notifications of lunch dates (2); keep speakers, reports, presentations short (2)

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden - N/R

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

While I was at Senate I had a lengthy talk with a rep. from Merit Travel. She will be coming down to meet with me in the Summer. I hope we can come up with a trip that will intrigue and attract our members to join. We will try.

***** STRATFORD TRIP *****

We have 5 tickets left and have to sell them by June 5. The trip is July 6. The cost is \$130 which is great. Please consider this trip for yourself or someone you may know. Thanks a lot.

9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Provincial Executive – Judy Bowden N/R

Constitution Committee – George Merrett

The Provincial Constitution Committee was pleased to serve as Speakers and Resolutions Committee at the Spring 2016 Senate. Although there was less than the usual time allocated to "business", that time was filled with considerable discussion and intense debate. The Constitution Committee was thoroughly impressed with the quality of debate and the decorum exhibited by the Senators.

It was our pleasure to assist with the conduct of business.

Governance Ad Hoc Committee – Jim Sparrow

The second and third meetings were held March 28-30 and April 24-26. Again, much of the two sessions were information gathering and presentations on Risk. The March meeting also finalized the agenda for the April 17-18 District Presidents' Workshop as a heavy part of that workshop centred on Governance and Risk. Likewise much of the April 24-26 meeting was spent planning for similar presentations and interactive sessions at Senate. Although agendas are set for each meeting, (usually not until a day or two before meetings) it seems we stray greatly from that. No definite decisions have been made regarding changes to our future operating procedures. The next meeting in June 19-21. Although it is an interesting Committee with important decisions to be made, it is somewhat frustrating as little progress seems to be made.

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Judy's Campaign – Provincial Executive

Motion: Moved by Gord Miall, seconded by Marg Clarke that the Executive from Windsor-Essex, District 7 approve the nomination of Judy Bowden for Provincial Executive. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Val Luscott, seconded by Marilyn Laframboise that Judy have access to \$500 from Windsor-Essex, District 7 for her campaign. Carried

2. Rental of storage locker

Discussion on the benefits of renting a storage locker for use by executive members undertaken and resolved.

Motion: Moved by Marg Clarke, seconded by Roger LeBlanc that a storage locker be rented by Leo on behalf of the executive and that keys be provide for distribution to those who require them. Carried.

3. Survey re:luncheons

Members were referred to the results of the AGM luncheon survey. It was agreed the disposition of the results would be used at Toni and her committee's discretion.

4. Provincial Workshop and Senate Registration Procedures

Jim commented on the change in procedures when registering for Provincial Workshops and Senate.

5. Subsequent to brief discussion on the presentation made by the Mega-Hospital committee at the onset of our meeting, a motion for action was introduced.

Motion: Moved by Marilyn Laframboise, Seconded by Leo Couture that the President send a letter to the Ministry of Health expressing RTO/ERO, District 7 Executive's strong support of the proposed hospital construction for the Windsor/Essex area. Carried.

6. John McLaughlin, Newsletter Editor, expressed concern on members wanting their newsletters forwarded by mail delivery but have been receiving them only by e-mail. It appears when we acquire and record the e-mail address of members, they automatically are registered for receiving their newsletter by e-mail members

50th Anniversary Committee (for 2018)

Information forthcoming of plans for RTO/ERO 50th Anniversary. As an aside, Emy McBride & Val Luscott provided some information on preparations for imminent RWTAO 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Planning, ideas for 2016-17

Suggestions were noted in Toni M.'s report under "Comments - coordinate with RWTAO as....."

Interim Calendar-2017(Judy Bowden/Marg Clarke)

Please bring Committee list for 2016 and Updated Calendar from e-mail of Nov. 2, 2015

Calendar- as is for the rest of 2016 (updated Nov. 2, 2015)

For 2017, dates will approximate 2016, and be finalized for the August 29 Executive meeting.

Suggested change- March Executive meeting moved to the last week in March or first week in April. Reasoning: many Executive are still south in early March (only 9 attended this March 7 meeting). We do not have an April Executive meeting.

RPW suggested for first Saturday in March.

Committees. (Bring this year's Committee list)

Indicate any changes you personally want made. PAC Chair needed. New Second Vice-President will assume Norm's other duties- Awards, Member Services Coordinator.

Priorities. I believe we have "enough on our plate". Two priorities from 2016, P.R./Media, and "Grief" pamphlet remain. Judy has both of these on her "plate" and will need some help.

Note: One topic under Calendar was consideration of changing the early March Executive meeting date to later in March or early April.

Subsequent to Jim's comments on this, it was agreed this meeting would be more beneficial if moved to early April.

In addition, the executive was agreeable to scheduling the Fall Luncheon for Wednesday, November 2. Jim will investigate if this date is free of conflicts and appropriate.

Dates to Remember

- July 25- Deadline for Submissions for August Newsletter
- August 11- Address and Mail Newsletter
- August 29-Executive Meeting
- September 6- Bell Breakfast

Breakfast Club

- June 9 at Louis Restaurant 4728 Wyandotte St. E.(just East of Pillette)
- July 14 at the OUTFIELD DINER 601 Centre St. Belle River.
- August 11 at the Fireplace Restaurant 161 Talbot St. E. Leamington.
- September 15 at Roast N Toast Family Diner 2005 Ottawa St.(west of the market, same side).

The meeting adjourned at 12:02

Minutes submitted by:

Leo Couture, Interim Secretary, District 7