

**District 30 RTO Executive Meeting
November 30, 2009**

Attending: Faye Farmer, Dave Randall, Jane McCaig, Bob and Barb Moorcroft, David Staples, John Christie, Charlotte Magic, Morris Tait, Anne Tryon and Don Colby.

Secretary's Report: Morris made a motion, seconded by Barb, that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Estimated Balance as of November 30 = \$4 274.17
Expenses – January to November 30 = \$17 654.42
Fall Luncheon (110 people): \$1 655.00 (income)
\$3 149.16 (expenses)
\$28. 62 (cost/guest)

Moved by Dave R., seconded by John, that the report be accepted as printed. Carried

Fall Senate: John C. (S1), Charlotte M. (S2), David S. (O1), Don C. (O2)
Charlotte's Report – Political Action will now be known as **POLITICAL ADVOCACY**, to reflect a more mutual approach to better understand how to get out message out and heard.

Each district is to speak to its MPP especially about the HSR, which will cost over \$6 million in premiums.

Its suggested we use Len Domino's suggestion for a new win/win approach, whereby we approach MPPs and first ask questions to understand what the other side is thinking; so, each of us will come away with something positive. We are encouraged to develop relationships which take more time (i.e. meet over lunch). Meet with all "players" to exchange information; let them know we will not interfere with their work.

RE:Net is a place to get info., find out about conferences, access Standing Committee reports and Web Masters.

New Workshops – RE:Net, New Presidents, Advocacy.

Ensure we outline how members will be actively involved and report on the results of PSTOs.

Districts are now required to have waivers signed for social gatherings, but our spring/fall luncheons will not be affected.

If a member's maintenance medication is changing (or has changed), you will not be covered if hospitalized to destination.

Senate Report Continued:

At Spring Senate, one fall Senate per year will be discussed.

One tidbit that I personally noted is “We can not become what we believe, if we don’t change who we are”.

Morris sits on the Project Service to Others Scholarship Committee and Don is a member of the Communications Committee.

In 2010, membership fees change from \$1.20 to \$1.25/\$1 000 of your pension.

Provincial Executive = President - Margaret Couture

1st Vice - Joan Murphy

2nd Vice - James Sparrow

Executive Members - Gary Flick

- Leo Normandeau

Past President - Brian Kenny

Spring Senate: May 18 - 19, 2010

Senator 1 - Jane McCaig

Senator 2 - John Christie

Observer 1 - Charlotte Majic

Observer 2 - Mary Bird

Project Service to Others – Respite: We need more member involvement; the STO application is required by the end of February.

Fall Luncheon, October 20/09: We will look into the possibility of adding meatless lasagne to the menu for our Spring Luncheon.

Anne made a motion, seconded by Barb, that Faye contact the Black Light Theatre group to tell them we will take 20 tickets for the May 28, 2010 performance; as well, we will provide up to \$250.00 for refreshments on that night. Carried.

Retirement Workshop – October 17, 2010 @ CDCI East: Jane will contact the Provincial Executive to see if they can update their posters, and ask what they are doing to market RTO health services to secretaries, custodians EAs etc.

We need to apply now to see if we can host a spring workshop.

Retirement Workshop Continued:

We will mail information about RTO health benefits to CUPE members.

Spring Luncheon, May 26/10: Our theme will be “Aging Gracefully”. The following will be invited to present at this meeting – LHINs, Community Access, Local Pharmacy (Suzie), Geriatric Social Worker, Housing Needs Assessment and a Nutritionist. Charlotte and Barb will work on this. The format will likely be a short speech followed by a question period for each presenter.

Merit Travel will be asked to do a 10 minute presentation.

A Provincial speaker will be given five minutes for their message.

Survey Comments: We had 32 surveys returned. Suggestions were as follows – 1 or 2 wanted a new location for the meetings; most were interested in the socialization aspect; health and senior issue discussions were seen to be important; travel was popular; the phone calls prior to meetings were appreciated; vegetarian dishes were requested; some comments were made about our huge geographical area; many kudos were given for the Apple Press; most were happy with the food; the intimate seating was a good idea; a few wanted interest groups, but no contact names were given; those with computers will give Don Colby their e-mail address.

Brandy Quinn, Champions for Youth: Positive role model mentors are needed. Volunteers are matched with youth 12 – 17 years of age. Referrals come from the Police, John Howard Society and the KPRDSB. There is a 50/50 female/male split; about 50% are matched with a mentor most times during the year.

Don volunteered to provide a write-up in the next Apple Press.

Jane will contact Brandy to see if she would like to set-up a display at our fall luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Health (Bob) – no new information

Recruitment (Anne/Barb) – Barb mentioned that there are less retirees now, and we possibly need to recruit older retirees to join RTO.

Membership (Anne) – no new information

Committee Reports Continued:

**To Hell With the Bell (Barb) - report will be in the spring Apple Press
Political Advocacy - someone is needed to do this job. Zelda
Armstrong will be phoned to see if she would return to look after this
role, since she has done it in the past. In the meantime, John has offered
to add his name to the Provincial list as he has all the materials from the
Provincial Office.**

Pension/Retirement (Morris) - no new information

**Travel (Faye) - there is no need at this time to replace Sharron
McMann as our local representative.**

**Website/Newsletter (Don) - Don attended a provincial webmasters'
conference June 10 – 11. There is a plan for a provincial template for
all district websites; our local site receives 1 – 2 hits a week.**

**Archives (Connie) - She would like everyone to save news clippings for
her.**

Social (Mary Bird/Betty Morris) no report due to their absence

**Good Will (Anne) - Anne made a motion, seconded by Charlotte, that
these people be recognized at our Spring Luncheon with a FREE meal
and an RTO mug. Carried. As well, Anne, at her discretion, may hold a
thank-you tea for these volunteers later in the year.**

**Finally, the Spring Luncheon date is booked at the Cobourg Lion's
Centre.**

**New Business: It was moved by Don, seconded by Charlotte, that we
keep the standard format for the Apple Press with some reports to be
done in bullet form, if possible. Carried.**

**Moved by Charlotte, seconded by Morris, that any item for
display/presentation from a member of District 30 at a district meeting,
must receive consideration and approval by the executive prior to
publication in the Apple Press. No franchisees will be allowed. Carried.
Draws for the Spring Luncheon will be approved at the next executive
meeting.**

**At the next executive meeting, we will consider the possibility of
considering a local charity for next year's Service to Others grant.**

Next meeting: April 12/10 at the latest.

Don needs reports by April 12 at the latest.

Minutes prepared by David Staples, secretary, District 30, Northumberland County.

