

Retired Teachers of Ontario – RTO/ERO
District 30 Northumberland
Spring Meeting/Luncheon
May 26, 2010

9:00 – Registration, Refreshments, Social Time

Business:

- Reports –**
- a) **Secretary – David Staples made a motion, seconded by Anne Tryon, that the minutes be accepted as posted on the web site. Carried.**
 - b) **Treasurer – Dave Randall reported that our balance, after the \$4,000 grant for Project to Others, is around \$19,000. Including the estimated costs for today’s luncheon and related expenses (Senate observer, transportation costs, newsletter costs, mailing costs), the anticipated balance is around \$10,000.
He made a motion, seconded by Morris Tait, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.**
 - c) **Health Services – as printed in the Applepress**
 - d) **Newsletter/Web Site – Don Colby asked for members to submit articles to him for publishing. He will be attending an upcoming Web Design Workshop in Toronto.**
 - e) **Recruitment/Hell With the Bell – as reported in the Applepress**
 - f) **Political Advocacy – Acting President John Christie asked the members for a volunteer to fill this position.**
 - g) **Social Committee – No Report**
 - h) **Travel – Fay Farmer’s report can be read in “Renaissance”.**
 - i) **Pension – Morris Tait’s report is in the Applepress.**
 - j) **Archives – Connie Poole set up a display at the back of the room. She is looking into the possibility of setting up an Archives Room.**
 - k) **Membership/Goodwill – Anne introduced the “Goodwill” volunteers attending and presented them with a flower. As well, each enjoyed a complimentary meal.**

Senate Report:

Mary Bird’s report was read by Charlotte Majic, as she was battling Poison Ivy.

Key Points – establishment and support of a Charitable Donation (an Endowed Chair in Geriatrics @ U of T)

- **guest speaker was Dr. Gary Naglie, geriatric and senior scientist U of T**
- **chair’s job is to promote this field among young doctors, work with family caregivers, support stroke survivors and those with dementia and promote the training of paramedics**

Senate (cont'd)

Why chose U of T?

- it's the largest regional geriatric program in Ontario
- 34% of RTO members live in this geographic region
- it's a research-based university with a strong infrastructure in place
- it's widely respected nationally and internationally for research and education

At the fall senate, the executive will set out the parameters for the foundation and fundraising strategies to raise 3 million for the Chair.

Age 65 is the termination of coverage for catastrophic drugs; the executive and Johnson Inc. feels the cost is too high to increase the age limit.

Our pension benefits can not be changed as it is a defined plan.

Project Service To Others

On behalf of District 30, Barbara Moorcroft presented a \$4,000 cheque to Yvonne Bridger of Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc. This organization provides relief to parents of children who suffer physical and/or mental health issues. We support their summer programme by helping in the hiring process of summer staff (from students who are in post-secondary educational programmes).

Gary Fick, Political Advocacy Chair of the RTO Executive, brought greeting from the Provincial Office.

Aging Gracefully

Shari McKeen, Peterborough Area Community Care Access Centre, and Shari Gibson, Northumberland Community Care, provided an informative presentation concerning available services and how to access those services.

Luncheon and Draws

The meeting ended with another great buffet dinner, including a wonderful vegetable lasagne, for the 65 members attending. As well, the free draws were a nice touch, especially for the winners!!!

The minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of District 30 RTO/ERO.