

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local  
Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.  
Orchard Park, Guelph, On.

Present: Marina Howlett, Donna Henderson, Ted Pritchard, John Ritchie, Carol Christie, Pat Klypycz,  
John Parkyn, Ralph Rainford, Barb Walkey

Regrets: Andrew Aloe, Ruth Tomlins.

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marina welcomed the Executive members to a meeting with milder temperatures.
2. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Add- #10 (a) "And Still We Rise"-Carol Christie; (b) Next Campaign for Bargaining;  
'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions-"And Still We Rise"-Closing the Gender Gap and next Campaign for Bargaining."  
Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by John Parkyn CARRIED
3. Approval of minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting:  
'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting be accepted."  
Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED
4. Treasurer's Report: Balance in Chequing- \$19,250.72; in Savings- \$4330.79. There has been payment to the Board of \$35,926.13 for Presidential Release since last meeting. The amount in chequing also includes the \$3500 for P.D. from the Board. There was no rebate from ETFO in February. Our membership is increasing slightly (386 names on the OT list).  
'Motion 3' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report."  
Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Carol Christie CARRIED
5. President's Report: (a) Release Days: Total: Sept.'06 – Jan.'07- 43.5 Feb.-9  
(b) Inclement Weather: A memo from the Board will come out shortly concerning absences on No Bus Days and School Closures. All members will be issued a copy in the next Newsletter with a reminder to always keep the SEMS number for reimbursement. Always check the web site for closures and bus cancellations.  
(c) Union School: Andrew aloe is our rep. the first meeting is Mar.5-7.  
(d) Rep Council Report: Marina shared a page of stats showing membership in ETFO. Across the province the only growth is in the OT's. Increase has come from re-staffing of the Primary Division because of Junior Kindergarten and lower class size.
6. Employment Insurance Update: The board and EI have agreed that 7 hours will be adjusted to 8 hours to make an insurable day to qualify for benefits. There will be a follow-up meeting at the Board Office March 6 2007.

7. Professional Development - Friday, April 27, 2007: Location to be decided. There could be two workshops for one group in one half of the day and workshops for another group in the other half. Both could meet for lunch. Finalization must come from the Board re- Epi-Pen/ WHIMIS Training first and then the rest of the workshops can be set up later.

8. ETFO Annual Meeting- August 13-16, 2007: (a) Hospitality Suite: As is the practice we pay an amount based on our membership to support the costs of the OT Hospitality Suite at the Annual Meeting. Each Local has also been asked to share in the cost of an OT booklet on Mental Health. Our share is \$35.

‘Motion 4’ “Move to pay \$220 payable to Bluewater OT Local for the Hospitality Suite at Annual Meeting. This amount is based on 186 members X \$1 + \$35 (booklet on Mental Health).”

Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Barb Walkey **CARRIED**

(b)Funding for OT candidates running for ETFO Executive: There are perhaps three people running. Marina is the campaign manager for Diane Dewing from Upper Canada. Cost to the Locals for candidate support will be decided at the next GHOT’s meeting.

9. Collective Bargaining: (a) OT Regional Workshops in Meadowvale April 24/07: Marina and Karen Hunsberger will be sent.

(b) Teacher Working Conditions Symposium Sheraton Centre June 14,15/07. An OT and Marina will go. Cost is \$245.

‘Motion 5’ “Move to cover the registration of \$245 for the “Teacher Working Conditions That Matter” Symposium at the Sheraton Centre on June 14, 15 2007.”

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Ted Pritchard **CARRIED**

10. Other Business: (a) “And Still We Rise”: Carol Christie attended this conference as Status of Women Rep on Feb.7, 8, 9/07 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. She reported that the cuts to Women’s Programs by this government are astronomical. One Local in Ont. has Status for Men. She explained about tee-shirts for ETFO’s International Women’s Day. It was decided that these could serve as door prizes at some of our events.

‘Motion 6’ “Move that we purchase 10 shirts ( ETFO International Women’s Day) at \$5 each for the AGM.”

Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by John Ritchie **CARRIED**

(b) Next Campaign for Bargaining: A new campaign entitled “Closing the Gap” by ETFO is connecting Learning Possibility and Achievement by 2009. Hopefully the real thrust will be closing the gap between Elementary and Secondary funding for students.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 after a delicious meal for Shrove Tuesday prepared by Ralph Rainford. Thank you Ralph.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues. March 27, 2007 at 4:45 PM at Orchard Park in Guelph. Pat Klypycz is in charge of the meal.