

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2007 at 4:58 P.M.
Orchard Park, Guelph, On.

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marina welcomed the Executive members to a meeting with return to winter.

2. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Add- #12 (a) Nominating Committee; (b) SEMS;
(c) Constitution

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions- Nominating Committee, SEMS and Constitution."

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Pat Klypycz CARRIED

3. Approval of minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting:

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting be accepted."

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Ted Pritchard CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Balance in Chequing- \$17,612.73; in Savings- \$4340.92. There was a question re interest for the Savings account and when we should use some of that money. No decision was made at this time. There will be PD expenses. We are in good financial shape.

'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 – Feb.'07-52.5 Mar.-6

(b) SEMS: The buses did not run four days, some schools were closed. If a job is not cancelled by 8:00 P.M. you should go- "What do you want me to do?" A morning call from a principal is simply a courtesy call; you are entitled to pay for that day. All members must be encouraged to claim pay for those days and to collect reimbursement. Always keep the SEMS number for reference. Always check the web site for closures and bus cancellations.

(c) Inclement Weather concern: The concern was clearly stated in the last OT Newsletter with the list of Bus Schools.

(d) UGOT Note cards/envelopes: We need to get some official newsletter, letterhead and note cards for our office use.

'Motion 4' Move to authorize Marina to investigate and purchase stationery with the official logo for note cards up to the amount of \$500."

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Andrew Aloe CARRIED

(e) Dinner Arrangements: April 24 Ruth's house in Orangeville
May 22 Andrew's house in Waldemar
AGM- June 7 Wellington County Museum
June 19 John Ritchie's in Guelph.

6. Union School, Mar 5-7: Andrew Aloe our rep attended with 100 new and upcoming teachers at the Delta Meadowvale. Topics were- A new Work Force has new Needs; What a Union is; Examination of Leadership Styles. There are on-line projects and much reading. Some of the scenarios are dealing with parents. The next meeting will be May 14, 15 in Port Elgin.

7. Professional Development Event, Friday, April 27, 2007, J.D. Hogarth School, Fergus: There is a choice between two timely workshops and a Guest Speaker. The main topic is "Creating a Positive Environment". The speaker's cost is \$700. It is hoped to have at least 60 in attendance.

Registration- (8:00) Ralph R., Carol Christy, John P.

Introductions- Ted P., John R., Guest Speaker- Marina H...

8. ETFO Annual Meeting- August 13-16, 2007: 2 Delegates-Marina and ? Provincial pays
2 Alternates-? ? Provincial pays for one

Those who would like to go for some time Ted, Ruth, Andrew, Donna
Ann. Dinner- Wed. Aug. 15- Ralph, Carol

9. Upper Grand OT's Annual Meeting, Thursday June 7, Wellington County Museum: Marina will invite the guests, one of whom will be Ralph Savage. There will be a Penny Table. Each of the Executive is to bring 5-6 items. We will have a couple of tee-shirts from Take back the Night. We have to decide where the donation will go this year. Pat Kalapaca will be there for Constitution items and any election. The next Newsletter will be out in time to announce positions and Constitution changes.

10. UGOT Sweatshirt/Tee shirts: Marks Work Warehouse has the logo for UG all ready registered. Costs were discussed. Initial set up of words only is \$35., with a picture is \$100..We pay the cost of the shirt and then \$5.00. Pat and Marina will finalize the purchases.

'Motion 5' "Move to purchase 20 shirts with the ETFO Upper Grand logo, not to exceed \$500."
Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

11.GHOT's Report: The GHOT's Conference will be June 10, 11, 12, at the Bayview Wildwinds. It is a combination of UG and Simcoe OT's responsibility. All delegates will look at the Resolutions and their disposition for the Summer AGM. There will be approximately 85 in attendance. Our responsibilities are raffle prizes and the Hospitality Room. Decisions about our roles at the next meeting.

12. Other Business: (a) Nominating Committee: Barb Walkey will chair and Ted Pritchard and Marina Howlett will assist.

(b) SEMS: We have to improve Friday night calls as well as holiday disruptions. A continuous struggle.

(c) Constitution: John Parkyn and Marina went through the document. There were no major changes just clarification of language, word order, removing unneeded "the". There was nothing significant. The revised Constitution will go to the Annual Meeting for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 after a nutritious meal with a decadent dessert prepared by Pat Klypycz.
Thank you Pat.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues. April 24, 2007 at 4:45 PM at Ruth Tomlins' in Orangeville. Ruth and Donna are in charge of the meal.