

Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 5:05 P.M.
Andrew Aloe's Home, Waldemar, 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 Waldemar and thanked Andrew for offering his home. Donna presented Andrew with a plant.

2. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Add- #14 (a) ETFO Annual Meeting, August 2007' (b) Union School

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions- ETFO Annual Meeting, August 2007 and Union School."

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Carol Christie CARRIED

3. Approval of minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting:

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting be accepted."

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by John Parkyn CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Balance in Chequing- \$16,412.12; in Savings- \$4363.08. May 15 we received the rebate from ETFO (\$4200). All PD expenses have been paid. The Local AGM and the August ETFO Annual will decrease some of the assets. We also discussed the three candidates who are running for two ETFO Executive positions for the Provincial OT's. Marina is the campaign manager for Diane Dewing. We are in good financial shape because the Executive has been fiscally responsible.

'Motion 3' "Move to allocate up to a total of \$300 to support any OT candidate running in the August 07 AGM elections."

Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Ralph Rainford CARRIED

'Motion 4' "Move to allocate up to a total of \$500 for Diane Dewing's campaign for ETFO Executive at the August 07 AGM

Moved by Carol Christie, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

'Motion 5' "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 –Apr.07- 69 May-10

(b) Other Release Days (local pays) June 11,12(three people)-6 days: Three people will be going to the GHOT's Meeting. A summary will be coming in June of the other OT Release days used.

(c) UGOT Note cards/envelopes update: Marina showed the new note cards and envelopes with ETFO logo and our OT name included. They are very professional looking.

(d) Collective Agreement: We all shared problems with teacher timetables, duties and teaching times and allocating of the teacher's real time on the replacement schedule. These items will be addressed in the next round of Negotiations.

6. Constitution Revision: We looked at the changed copy of the Constitution corrected by Marina and John Parkyn, The changes are really fine tuning. There are new capitals and consistency of language and terms. Thank you both for your efforts.

7. Professional Development Event, Friday, April 27, 2007: The comments were very positive. Next November there may again be an epi-pen and WHIMIS training session for the new members.

8. Upper Grand OT's Annual Meeting/ Election June 7, Wellington County Museum: **Nomination forms** were to be returned by 4 p.m. Fri, May 18. One new member will be coming onto the Executive- Jackie Grey. Barb Walkey will fill the new position of **Liaison between Executive and Collective Bargaining.**

Registration is to be done by John R., Barb W., and Ralph R..

Reports will be on topics of: P.D., WHIMIS, Upcoming Collective Bargaining, and SEMS.

Presentation of information for members will be made by Johnson Inc. Insurance.

At 5:30 p.m., Barb Walkey and Pat Kalapaca, who is also the Parliamentarian for the Constitution will present the **slate of officers.**

Entertainment will be a Penny Table run by Andrew Aloe and Donna Henderson. Each of the Executive is to bring 5-6 items.

Door prizes will be plants. We decided to have wine on the tables as a dinner special. Therefore we will purchase a \$25 license for the use of liquor. We will decide at the next meeting where the donation will go this year.

'Motion 6' "Move to authorize Ralph Rainford to purchase a \$25 Special Occasion permit and the necessary wine for the tables at the Local OT AGM."

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by John Parkyn CARRIED

9. UGOT Sweatshirt/Tee shirts: Pat Klypycz informed us that the shirts have been ordered but have not yet arrived. One will be a prize at our local AGM.

10. E.I. workshop, 4:45 p.m, June 21, JD Hogarth, Fergus: Darlene Allen will supply the information. Details will be posted by email and on the Web and mentioned at the AGM.

11. GHOT's Meeting, June 10, 11, and 12, Bayview Wildwinds, Orillia: Marina and Andrew will arrive by 2:00, Sunday, for set-up. Ted will arrive later on Sunday. Donna will arrive Monday. This meeting is preparation for the ETFO Annual Meeting. Our responsibilities are raffle prizes and the Hospitality Room. Marina will order food for the Hospitality Suite. We discussed possible prizes.

'Motion 7' "Move to allocate up to \$100 for door prizes for the GHOT's June 2007 meeting"

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by John Parkyn CARRIED

12. Provincial Report: More intense Collective Bargaining training will be the thrust of the shared cost workshop sponsored by Provincial and Local ETFO. In September we will start by surveying our membership for their goals. All items are open and can be in our next Agreement. At present, we are in the middle to top in ranking for daily pay in the list of OT Locals.

13. Donation- ETFO Teachers' Local: We appreciate that School Stewards support OT staff.

'Motion 8' "Move to donate \$300, to show our appreciation for stewards' assistance, to a charity of choice for ETFO."

Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Barb Walkey

CARRIED

14. Other Business: (a) ETFO Annual Meeting, August 13-16 2007, Harbour Castle, Toronto: Marina Howlett, Donna Henderson will attend as Delegates and Ted Pritchard and Andrew Aloe will be Alternates. Ralph Rainford, Ruth Tomlins, and Carol Christie will come down Wednesday for the Elections and the evening banquet.

(b) Union School: Andrew Aloe summarized his experiences at the workshop for up and coming leaders in our teaching profession. He found out some of his weaknesses and is now willing to work towards strengthening his leadership style. He strongly recommends this workshop to anyone wishing to learn more about the profession. It contains many strategies useful for overcoming stress, and also for positively lighting fires and putting them out without creating enemies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 after a delicious meal prepared by Andrew Aloe and his wife Karen and a dessert presented by Carol Christie.

Thank you all.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues. June 19, 2007 at 4:45 PM at John Ritchie's home in Guelph . John and his wife will prepare the meal.