

**Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting**

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 5:10 P.M.
John Ritchie's Home, Guelph, On.

Present: Marina Howlett, Andrew Aloe, Donna Henderson, John Ritchie, Carol Christie, Jacquie Gray, Ralph Rainford, Ted Pritchard, Barb Walkey

Regrets: Pat Klypycz, John Parkyn, Ruth Tomlins,

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Marina opened the meeting by thanking John and Jo-Anne Ritchie for opening their home for this meeting and meal.

2. **Additions/ Approval of the Agenda:** Add- #12 (a) Expense Forms, (b) POTs.

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions- Expense Forms and POTs"
Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by John Ritchie CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the May 20, 2008 meeting:

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting be accepted."
Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by John Ritchie CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in Chequing- \$12,536.47; in Savings- \$11,618.92. In May, there was an addition of \$1038.96 for payment of Political Action incurred earlier in the year, from ETFO. Phone and rent (\$1800.00) at the office are paid for the coming year, 2008-2009. We have budgeted well and are in good fiscal shape. By car pooling the costs to Ottawa for POTs were under \$200.00.

'Motion 3' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report."
Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Jacquie Gray CARRIED

5. **President's Report:** (a) **Release Days:** Total June 30, 2008 – 80 days. OT Executive release days are approximately 25-28 days over the year. We have notified the Board about Provincial payments for certain days such as Health and Safety, Leadership, Collective Bargaining, and Still We Rise Conference.

(b) **Task Force:** Equitable OT Presidential Release Time is the issue. A Model has been developed and now ETFO is trying to hold the line to remove the deficit in three years. Demands on each President are the same regardless of the size of the Locals. There is much work to be done to convince Contract Teachers that all Presidents need equity.

6. **Professional Development Workshops:** (a) Jacquie Gray will work on ensuring there are workshops for our members.

(b) We will try to have one per term by connecting with any presentation topic from Provincial ETFO. We did offer some interesting topics this past year.

7. **Collective Bargaining:** At the Presidents' Meeting June 6, all teachers entered into Provincial Takeover. A newsletter will go out to the Membership notifying them of this move and what it means. With takeover there will be some additions to the Preliminary Submission pending direction from ETFO. Jim Whyte will be our liaison but nothing will start until after the Contract Teachers have

reached an agreement. It could be almost a year before our bargaining starts. It will be a “rough road” because it will be difficult to close the gap.

8. **SEMS Updated System:** Start up will be September 1, 2008. We should each receive our instructions by mail and there should be a workshop on usage for members.

9. **NTIP Board Program:** Board Orientation will be August 26, 2008 at Westside High School in Orangeville. It is just for LTO's and New Teachers.

10. **ETFO Annual Meeting:** Hilton Harbour Castle, Toronto, August 11-14, 2008: Delegates will be Marina and Andrew. Alternates will be Jacquie and Donna. Carol will attend on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Ted, Ralph will attend on Wednesday and stay for the Banquet., Aug.13.

11. **ETFO Summer Academy:** Great workshops and courses are available. Please apply.
Junior Kindergarten: Many Locals want full day situations.

12. **Other Business:** (a) **Expense Sheets:** A new sheet was created by the Treasurer that divides Collective Bargaining expenses from the meeting expenses. It was agreed that the new format works quite well for our needs. Please cash expense cheques as soon as possible before the books close.

(b) **POT's Meeting:** The meeting in Ottawa discussed motions for the AGM. There also was lots of discussion re: mileage from ETFO and how the perception is that we are not being honest with our locally incurred expenses that are being billed to Toronto. OT's seem happy with the ETFO President but expect an upcoming change in the Deputy Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m. followed by an enjoyable time of eating and fellowship. Well done John and Joanne Ritchie.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues .Sept. 18, 2008 at 4:45 PM at Orchard Park, Guelph.