

**Upper Grand Occasional Teachers' Local
Executive Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2009
Fergus Sportsplex, Fergus, Ontario**

Present: Marina Howlett, Andrew Aloe, John Ritchie, Carol Christie, Jacquie Gray, Ted Pritchard, Barb Walkey, Ralph Rainford, Karen Hunsberger (guest)

Regrets: Ruth Tomlin, John Parkyn, Pat Klypyz, Donna Henderson

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Marina welcomed everyone at 6:40 and thanked them for their attendance. It seemed wise to move the meeting to today following the ETFO General Meeting giving an update on negotiations.

2. **Additions / Approval or the Agenda:**

Motion 1 "Move to accept the Agenda as presented."

Moved by Carol Christie, Seconded by Ted Pritchard

CARRIED

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in chequing \$11788.41; Balance in savings \$18586.09

There was an ETFO infusion of \$5430.93 on December 19, 2008

Motion 2 "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report."

Moved by John Ritchie, seconded by Carol Christie

CARRIED

4. **President's Report: A)** Release days September to January 2009: 40 days

February to June 2009: (Andrew 30 days) as of Feb. 1st

B) Executive appointments:

Motion 3 "In accordance with Article IV of the UGOT's Constitution, I am recommending that Andrew Aloe be appointed President of the OT Local effective February 1, 2009".

Moved by Marina Howlett, seconded by Barb Walkey

CARRIED

Motion 4 "In accordance with Article IV of the UGOT's Constitution, the Executive recommends that Marina Howlett be appointed Vice President of the OT Local from February 1, 2009 until June 4, 2009, the date set for the UGOT Annual Meeting."

Moved by Ted Pritchard, seconded by John Ritchie.

CARRIED

5. **Collective Bargaining:** Marina reported on dates set to negotiate with the Board. These dates are: February 25th, March 4th, March 27th, April 1st, 7th and 17th.

6. **Professional Development:** Marina reported about a joint Equity Event to be held on February 19, 2009 entitled “Embracing the Challenge”. It is for ETFO members (Contract Teachers, LTO’s, OT’s). It will be held at the Marden Community Centre, Wellington Road 30, 4:15-6:45pm. A flyer is being prepared to go out to members.

7. **OT Executive Meeting dates:** Due to some unforeseen reasons, the dates and locations for some of the Executive meetings are being changed. **Please note the appropriate changes:** Tuesday, **February 17th**, 2009, at Ralph Rainford’s home; Thursday, **March 26th**, 2009, at Orchard Park; Thursday, **April 22nd**, 2009, at Marina Howlett’s home; Thursday, **May 21st**, 2009, at Ruth Tomlin’s home; Wednesday, **June 17th**, 2009, at John Ritchie’s home.

8. **New Business:** The School Year Calendar for 2009 / 2010 will see some significant changes. School will commence September 1, 2, 3. September 4th will become a Board holiday. Schools will enjoy the Friday before March Break as a Board holiday.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Marina at 7:25 pm.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues. February 17, 2009 at 4:45 PM at Ralph Rainford’s, 6076 Jones Baseline, Fergus. Ralph is preparing the meal.