

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 4:45 P.M.

Ruth Tomlins' home, Orangeville, On.

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

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Andrew Aloe opened the meeting by welcoming the Executive to Ruth's home and thanking her for offering her location. Donna presented her with a gift certificate to show appreciation.

2. **Additions/ Approval of the Agenda:** Add- #12, Other Business (a) Collective Bargaining Dates, (b) Career OT's recognition,(c) June Meeting Menu.

'Motion 1' "Move to accept the Agenda with additions- #12, Other Business- Collective Bargaining Dates, Career OT's recognition, June Meeting Menu."

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Carol Christie CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the April 29, 2009 and Feb.17 meetings:

'Motion 2' "Move the minutes of the April 22, 2008 and Feb. 17 meetings be accepted."

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in Chequing- \$15,877.61; in Savings- \$11,851.65. The addition to Chequing was the ETFO grant in May. Discussion centred on the Budget report for the AGM. We are \$2000.00 above last years' balance. It is good to have a healthy balance at the end of the year. We can make more PD available for the members. Our biggest purchase was the laptop that was used for Collective Bargaining. We are able to fund a portion of registration for classroom workshops.

'Motion 3' "Move to accept the Treasurer's Report."

Moved by John Ritchie, Seconded by Ralph Rainford CARRIED

5. **President's Report: Release Days:** Sept. 2008 to May 31, 2009-With change of Presidents and Collective Bargaining, including the ETFO Reimbursement Days, there is not at present an actual number of "used" Days. OT Executive was encouraged to indicate the Days that they had also used.

6. **Professional Development Workshops:** "Take 3" (Differential Instruction, (Waverly-31); Literacy, (PEPS-25); Math, (J.D.Hogarth-June 10). All three workshops can run again next year.

7. **Annual Meeting/ Elections-June 4, 2009; 4:45 pm; Marden Community Centre:** (16 guests)

'Motion 4' "Move that we have wine on the tables at our AGM at no cost to the membership and an appropriate license be purchased."

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

8. **ETFO Annual Meeting, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, August 17-20, 2009:** Delegates will be Marina and Andrew. Alternates will be Ted and Donna. Carol may attend on Tuesday, Aug.18. This year as a cost saving factor there will only be a Reception with no Annual Dinner.

9. **Honoraria:** (a) Administrative Support Staff at the Orchard Park Office are Jan Grant and Anne Smith.

‘Motion 5’ “Move that we purchase a gift certificate of \$25.00 each for our Administrative Assistants from Meadowvale Garden Centre.”

Moved by Marina Howlett, Seconded by John Ritchie CARRIED

(b) Steward Support in the schools is recognized. Sister Christine may be honoured at the Annual Meeting in Toronto.

‘Motion 6’ Move that we donate \$300.00 to The Welcome Inn Drop In Centre to show appreciation of Local ETFO Stewards’ support.”

Moved by Marina Howlett, Seconded by John Ritchie CARRIED

(c) Instructors for the Workshops should be recognized by this Executive.

‘Motion 7’ Move that Cheryl Urbach, and Candice Schlouser who lead the PD Workshops “Take 3” each receive an honourarium of \$50.00.

Moved by Ralph Rainford, Seconded by Carol Christie CARRIED

10. **POT’s Meeting:** June 7, 8, 9, 2009, in Milton. Halton is the host. At this meeting Annual Meeting Resolutions will be discussed. Marina and Andrew will attend.

11. **Other Business** (a) **Collective Bargaining:** Having a Collective Agreement in place is a real benefit to the Membership. Thank you to the Negotiating team. The Team is encouraged to complete expense forms to bring the bills current. All members must be encouraged to follow the Agreement.

(b) **Career OT’s Recognition:** A Career Occasional Teacher who retires will not receive any recognition from the Board at the ETFO Retirement Recognition Night.

‘Motion 8’ “Move that the OT Executive approach the Board to have career Occasional Teachers recognized when they retire.”

Moved by John Parkyn, Seconded by Barb Walkey CARRIED

(c) **June Meeting Menu:** Members made their menu selections for the Meeting at John’s.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. followed by an enjoyable meal. The dessert was to die for! Well done Ruth Tomlins.

Next Executive Meeting will be Tues .June 17, 2009 at 4:45 PM at John Ritchie’s home, 25 Dalebrook Place, Guelph.