

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 4:55 P.M.  
Orchard Park, Guelph, On.

Present: Andrew Aloe, Marina Howlett, Donna Henderson, John Ritchie, Julie Birken, Carol Christie,  
Kylie Cyr, Ted Pritchard, Ralph Rainford, Barb Walkey  
Regrets: Jacquie Gray, John Parkyn, Ruth Tomlins

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Andrew opened the meeting welcoming the Executive to a new year.

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

**'Motion 1'** "Move to accept the Agenda as printed."  
Moved by Ted Pritchard, Seconded by Ralph Rainford CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the September 09, 2009 meeting:

**'Motion 2'** "Move the minutes of the September 09, 2009 meeting be accepted with the updated dates and places."

Wed. Oct. 7, 2009	Orchard Park, Guelph,	Kylie and Julie
Tues. Nov.24, 2009	Orchard Park, Guelph,	Carol
Wed. Dec.16, 2009	Donna's, Orangeville,	Donna and Marina
Tues. Jan.19, 2010	Orchard Park, Guelph,	Ted
Wed. Feb.17, 2010	Orchard Park, Guelph,	John R. and John P.
Wed. Mar. 24, 2010	Orchard Park, Guelph,	Jacquie
Wed. Apr. 21, 2010	Marina's, Guelph,	Marina
Wed. May 19, 2010	Ruth's, Orangeville,	Ruth
Wed. Jun. 23, 2010	Ralph's, Fergus,	Ralph

Moved by Donna Henderson, Seconded by Ted Pritchard CARRIED

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in Chequing- \$16,908.05; in Savings- \$11,890.01. We discussed the Budget that will be presented to the membership at the November membership meeting. The results of the annual audit indicate that we are fiscally sound. The auditors have been paid. Thank you, John for your dedication to the maintaining of our OT budget books. We received the ETFO rebate for the upcoming year.

**'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:** Sept. 2009- 14 days; Oct. 2009- 1 day (so far). Andrew hopes to use three days per week for UGOT business.

6. **September Leadership Conference:** September 24-25, 2009: Andrew attended the **New President Training**. It was a very valuable workshop. One very important consideration that was deeply stressed was to be careful when signing any documents. Include Professional Relations Services when dealing with Maternity Leaves and WSIB claims. Always include the provincial office.

Julie was enthused by the available possibilities available for **Professional Development Workshops** presented at the Conference. She talked about creating a PD committee of other OT members, using a survey, having a variety of workshop themes, and engaging members.

Kylie attended the **Status workshop** at the Conference. She learned roles and stats on women in power positions. A useful session was how to approach men to help them understand the global picture of women roles. Various activities were discussed for students to sharpen their gender role awareness.

**7. Professional Development:** (a) **Upcoming Event:** A flyer will be in the next newsletter for Nov.18 for the workshop "I Am The Teacher".

(b)**Other Events:** We hope to use "Presenters on the Road" as workshop presenters. Other workshops discussed were Technology in the Classroom( Smart Board-March); Behavioural Management; Saint John Ambulance; Take Three(April/May).

**8. Fall General Meeting:** Date- Thursday, **November 12**, 2009, Place- **Marden Community Centre**. Tasks were assigned: **Registration-** Barb and Kylie; **Technology-** John R.; **Raffle-** Julie and Andrew; **Flowers** for the tables- Donna; **Food-** Marina, (Nancy Donaldson). All Executive members help where needed.

**9. Other Business:** (a) **Retired Teacher Recognition:** Discussion centred around honouring those members who have retired from a career of Occasional Teaching. For next meeting we are to have suggestions and comparisons with other Occasional Teacher Locals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. after a wonderful meal prepared by Kylie and Julie.  
Thank you for such an elegant repast!

**Next Executive Meeting** will be Wed. Nov.24, 2009 at 4:45 PM at Orchard Park, Guelph. Carol is preparing the meal.

**Fall General Meeting-** Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.