RTOERO DISTRICT 30 EXECUTIVE MEETING - August 29, 2023

Attending: Philip Palmer, Heather Griffin, Marsha Jones, Wendy Westwood, David Staples, Mark Fallis, Charlotte Majic, Morris Tait, Marlene Amos, Jeremy Fowlie, John Ralfe, Kathy Harding

Regrets: Mary Ellen French, David Wing

Welcome - Marsha welcomed everyone to this late summer meeting.

 Minutes - Morris moved, seconded by Philip, that the minutes of July 18 be passed as printed. Carried

Financial Report - Jeremy stated that there were no major changes over the summer. As well, we must use up our surplus funds by 2024.

He reported that our local district cannot use an e-transfer without two signers. So, Jeremy made a motion, seconded by John, asking Marsha to raise this issue at the next President’s Meeting, and to approach Head Office about allowing the use of e-transfers locally. Carried.

John made a motion, seconded by Jeremy, that the financial report be accepted as stated. Carried.

Reports:

President - Marsha was approached by Sleeping Cabins Collective and she has attended 3 meetings. They are impressed by our RTO support. Port Hope Council has been much more responsive to the plight of homeless people. They have adjusted by-laws to allow safe places for those without accommodation. Their staff are assisting SCC in creating a presentation to Council. Marsha will be accompanying Yvonne O’Neil to visit the Legion President to garner their support for the use of town property near the Legion Branch as a site for Sleeping Cabins; there would be 6 cabins to start. Other sites, like George Hamilton School, are going to be presented to Council.

 Vice President - No Report

Communications - Kathy and Philip are participating in a newsletter workshop. She only had to send out 30 newsletters of the recent Apple Press; if the printed newsletter continues to be returned, she will not re-send to save money.

Benefits- Philip encouraged our local district to forward suggestions to Head Office for enhancements to our Extended Health Plan; for example, cover CPAPs , fund increase for eyeglasses, physiotherapy etc.

Goodwill- Wendy continues to send out cards for special occasions; District 30 added 3 new members, but 4 members passed away.

Retirement Planning Workshop- Mark is in charge of this endeavour.

YMCA Upcoming Workshops- No Report

Book Clubs- Marsha will prepare an announcement for the next E-Bulletin; it’s a great way to encourage social interaction.

Community Grants- No Report

Meet and Greet Events- SEPTEMBER 13, Harbour View Restaurant, Brighton, 2:30 - 5:00; SEPTEMBER 26, Arthur’s Pub, Cobourg, 2:30 - 5:00; OCTOBER 4, Dockside Restaurant, Campbellford, 2:30 - 5:00; OCTOBER 24, Frosty John’s Restaurant, Bowmanville, 2:30 - 5:00.

New Business - Kathy will send out an E-Bulletin ASAP; also, she would like items to her for September 12, for printing to be done by September 18.

Heather explained a problem she encountered contacting Johnson Inc. while travelling. Some suggestions arose from our discussion - leave important phone numbers, like Johnson Inc., with family prior to departure. Also, consider purchasing a SIM card which allows you to make calls back to Canada, not just in the country you’re visiting. She is going to contact RTOERO Head Office about this issue.

Adjournment was at 12:00 noon.

These minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of District 30, RTOERO.