

RNAO executive meeting minutes – August 9, 2010

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Pat Mckay, Veronika Pulley, Kelly Mertens, Crystal Avolio, Carolyn Davies

Regrets: Lynda Monik

Status & Update on Membership Survey & Newsletter:

Crystal gave update on responses so far: 39 to date. 100% said they wanted to be contacted by email; 82% said they wanted to meet in the early evening. There was other info that she gave too. She will report more when other responses come in.

Budget & Finance report:

Veronika distributed the letter that she drafted for the change in signing authority; it was signed by Jennifer & Pat. Jennifer will have Lynda Monik sign it & a date & time will be set up for all to go to the TD Canada Trust soon after the end of August.

Pat reported that there is \$5309.59 in our account, but there is still an outstanding bill of \$494 from RNAO head office for the nursing week insert advertisement. We have already received the majority of the funding for the ad from head office.

Fall event planning:

- General membership meeting tentatively Thursday, Oct 7th. There will be no guest speaker, rather will update members on what has been happening with our chapter. Possibly though will honour the 25 & 40 year members also.
- Also may bring up the idea of having a “round table – coffee club” discussion perhaps one day a month where any member can come. Possible topics are unemployment in the city, nursing layoffs, etc.
- Discussion re timing for events. Possibly have a ”meet & greet” from 6:00 – 6:30, dinner from 6:30 – 7:30, then discussion of chapter matters at 7:30 for 30 – 40 minutes & then a time for conversation / questions. We will give people the choice of coming for the dinner or just for the discussion & questions after.
- Possibly have events 3 – 4 times a year
- Possible locations: Armando’s on Cabana, Il Gabiano, Mancuso’s, or Rizzo’s Crossings in Essex. Crystal offered to talk with a contact she has at some of these restaurants.
Suggestion to entice attendance: if someone brings a friend who is not a member, they will get a discount on their attendance cost.
- Possibly also have student event in the fall. Pat will talk to the 1st year coordinator at the U to see if Jennifer & Kelly can go & speak to the 1st year class during one of their classes. She also will check to see if it is possible for RNAO to have a table set up at their orientation.
- Tentative date for an event to honour Lori Dupont is Monday December 6. We will see if Doris is willing to come & we should ask the honour guard from Hotel Dieu Grace to be part of it as well. A while rose ceremony was also suggested.

Veronika stated that ONA local 011 will be willing to offer some monetary support for it.

Website update:

- Jennifer reported that we will be able to have our own website without any cost to us. She has been in discussion with the IT dept of RNAO head office & has let them know that we are willing to be the “guinea pig” for a chapter website. She said that the template they have for it contains many of the features that we would like.

Member’s Voice Report due Aug 30:

- Jennifer asked for our input as to what should be included in it. We all gave some input what could be included. If anyone has further ideas, please let Jen know.

Term Lengths for Executive positions:

- Consensus was 2 years would be an acceptable term length.

Round Table discussion:

- Kelly gave us all a copy of the summary that she completed on the members of the Essex chapter. We have 812 members. She put them into categories based on areas of employment & also calculated the number of lapsed members & their categories. Thank you Kelly!!
Perhaps we can add her report to these minutes.
- Crystal discussed her interest in learning more about political action. Discussion followed. Carolyn offered to give a “class” on political action. No specific date set yet though.

Adjournment at 8:45.