

E.T.F.O. Executive Meeting – January 19, 2011
603 Palace Street, Whitby

PRESENT: Gerard O’Neill, David Mastin, Sirkku Meldrum, Kent Clark, Cheryl Fleury-Eekma, Willena Harrison, Bill Ferguson, Pamela Harrison, Larry Debrouwer, John Whitman, George Taylor

Guest: Cheryl Holmes from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Durham

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

- the meeting was called to order at 12:55

Presentation

- Cheryl Holmes discussed the Big Brother\ Sister mentoring program
- only in the north at the moment
- mentoring in schools during school hours
- Mentoring Through Literacy based in schools after school
- encouraging us to get on board and help build the volunteer base
- length of program hour or two per week for 8 weeks

2. **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

- were presented

MOTION # 1

MOVED BY: Gerard O’Neill

SECONDED BY: David Mastin

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED CARRIED

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Sirkku Meldrum - we have been given the use of Lincoln Alexander PS for our ESL program with the WMRCC
- Larry Debrouwer - presented a new name for his proposed committee - Global Awareness Committee
- presented the terms of reference
- it was referred back to Larry concerning the discussions around the table looking for more focus

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Cheryl Fleury-Eekma

- presented her report

MOTION #2

MOVED BY: Larry Debrouwer

SECONDED BY: David Mastin

THAT THE TREASURER’S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS READ. CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- no correspondence

6. **PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: Gerard O'Neill

- report cards - comment banks are to remain - point form or sentences were agreed upon - refer to the documents sent out for further details
- Derek Hulse came to visit

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Mastin

- Chairs please send minutes of meetings to be posted on the website
- strategic plan - we are trying to get that taken care so that we can move ahead with it
- website recommendations are requested

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Sirkku Meldrum

- ESL program has had a successful start with 5 clients from WRMCC
- anticipating 2 more clients for next week
- 9 volunteers are helping out
- Gerard and Sirkku meeting with YWCA to discuss beginning our literacy program with them
- a request from Lakewoods was submitted for the Durham Region Heritage Fair requesting a donation which was passed on to committee chairs for information.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Annual Meeting: David Mastin

- 20 applicants for 19 places to attend the meeting
- it is an election year

Board Meeting: Gerard O'Neill

- discussion of fees for courses

Collective Bargaining: Gerard O'Neill

- LTD - the board has said that we are co-managers of the LTD plan
- ETFO Provincial is looking to centralize LTD

Goodwill: Larry Debrouwer

- 40 cards sent out

Health & Safety: John Whitman

- minutes of last meeting presented
- school visits are continuing
- Dr. Thornton air sampling test was done post asbestos removal
- test came back a pass

LGBTQ David Mastin

- Lauren Chappelle is the Chair
- planning a workshop during Family week

Political Action: Pamela Harrison

- Political Action and Status Of Women and Equity were at Eastview Boys and Girls Club on December 20th - 12 members helped out - publicity was positive
- Jan 29 - looking to gather a group of people to go out to Hamilton
- flyer being sent out
- next meeting Jan 24 at 4:30

Social: Kent Clark

- 40 people going to Vegas
- Valentines Cooking class Feb 11
- theatre trip planned for after March Break

Professional Development: Willena Harrison

- contact made with professional development providers
- we are awaiting dates for workshops
- Willena is attending the And Still We Rise Conference

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Status of Women and Equity: Sirkku Meldrum

- much positive feedback about fall dinner
- working with PD on a number of workshops
- planning an International Women's Day Dinner for Wednesday March 23 at the Pickering Mandarin
- Status of Women and Equity looking to work with and fund the LGBTQ workshop
- next meeting Feb 14

Occasional Teachers: George Taylor

- asking for support in making sure OT's are recognized on the board committees with representation
- prep time - is self directed - no requirement to complete what is left during the prep time
- try to use prep time in the proper manner

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Gerard O'Neill - Stewards Meeting at Ajax Community Centre February 8
- b) David Mastin - strategic plan - four goals - looked at specific ideas within one of the goals

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #3

MOVED BY: Willena Harrison
SECONDED BY: Cheryl Fleury Eekma _____
THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED

CARRIED