

ST CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY, 2004

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 3:00 with Pat Hallahan in the Chair.

1. Agenda was adopted.
2. Minutes of the 2003 meeting were approved
3. New Business

A) President's Report – Pat Hallahan

Health Benefits – The two unions are working on this issue, as is the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA). We had a Clarica Representative speak to retirees but there has been no follow-up. Sun Life compares favourably to other plans but it is expensive and is geared towards full time employees. We will continue to study the issue. The next newsletter will have the CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) plan in it.

Con Ed fees – the Aqua fitness is \$10 but most general interest courses that retirees would like to take are not on the \$10 list. We will continue to work on this problem.

Art Collection – is completed and now on a CD. We would like to remove the collection that is in storage and get it on the walls of the college.

Education Committee – We would like to offer seminars and mini courses for our retirees on topics such as tax tips, travel insurance, Excel etc.

Memorial Plaques – The College is redoing the wall of plaques for a consistent look, which will include our memorial plaque.

Sun Life Demutualization – no information

Board of Governors – there is a summary of meetings in the newsletters

B) Past President's Report – Bill Totten

Archives Project – has been revived with a small group working on it. Bill moved that up to \$500 be allocated in 2004 for the Archives Project for seed money and supplies. Pearl Roberts and Marilyn Keemer. Passed

OCRA – Bill is the Vice President. Benefits are high on the priority list, as is recognition from our Pension Board. Our college is becoming the model for college retiree associations and Bill has traveled to Humber, Durham and St. Lawrence to talk to them about setting up retiree associations.

35th Anniversary Publication – will be in the National Library, Canadiana division.

OCRA Annual Meeting – is June 12 at Humber College

Bylaw Revisions – mainly housekeeping changes. Bill moved adoption of the changes. Pearl Roberts and Andrea Main. Passed

C) Goodwill Report – Heather Milne-Dube

Heather has sent out 28 cards so far this year, 61 in the second year and 64 in the third year.

D) Membership – Anita Blair

We have 350 members. Anita also collects for OCRA and emails the information to the OCRA secretary.

Winter Trip – Our trip to the Dominican Republic last Jan was a huge success. A trip to Cuba is being planned for next year. We have developed criteria and will be approaching travel agents in early fall.

E) Newsletter – Del Zangari

In every issue there is a President's Report, a list of new retirees and an In Memoriam section. Brian Agar posts the newsletter on our website.

F) Social Convenor – John Charlesworth

Sept BBQ is planned and is a visit to the Walkerville Brewery in Oct. John would like to have visits to gardens and a perennial exchange.

G) Treasurer – John Payne

Jim O'Neill reviewed the books. We had a balance of \$1,483.69 for 2003. The requested budget for 2004 is for \$3,200. In 2003 \$2,273.49 was spent. Moved by John, George Rapaich and Jim O'Neill. Passed.

H) Thames Report – Lynn Wraight

Approximately twenty Thames people meet on the last Monday of every month for lunch and guest speakers.

I) Nominating Committee Report – Jay Ertel

Past President –	Bill Totten
President -	Pat Hallahan
Vice President -	Jay Ertel
Secretary -	Anita Blair
Treasurer -	John Payne
Chatham-Kent Rep –	Elizabeth Barr (new)
Social Convenor -	John Charlesworth
Newsletter Editor -	Del Zangari
Goodwill Committee –	Heather Milne-Dube
Telephone Committee -	Sue Korchnak/Eunice Robinson
Web Site Maintenance-	Brian Agar

Moved Jay Ertel and seconded by Shirly Zokvich. Passed

4. Other Business

Foundation – Fred Sorrell

The capital fund is approaching 4 million dollars. The government is matching funds for the next 5 years and the college hopes to raise 6.5 million dollars with investments which would be matched for a total of 13 million dollars.

A Performing Arts program is starting in Chatham next Sept and a Club House Management program in one year.

Art Rae proposed that the name of Nick Ayre the originator of the first Theatre Arts program be added to the Memorial Plaque. The issue was referred to the Executive.

Jim O'Neill asked whether there is a replacement for the Sun Life booklet which is now out of date. A letter will be sent to Sun Life.

5. Meeting adjourned at 4.05