

**District 30 RTO/ERO Spring Meeting
May 23, 2012**

President John Christie opened the meeting with words of welcome; Doug Dewell and Sharon Staples led the members in the singing of O Canada.

- 1. David Staples made a motion, seconded by Philip Palmer, that the Minutes be accepted as posted on-line in the Apple Press. Carried.**

- 2. Dave Randall made a motion, seconded by Jane McCaig, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as shown below. Carried.**

Balance January 1	\$ 3958.66
Annual Grant	\$ 11987.00
STO Grant	\$ 1000.00
Expenses/Newsletter	\$ 1000.00
Exec. Mtg/Transport	\$ 500.00
Today's Expenses	\$ 2500.00
Anticipated Balance	\$ 11000.00

- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a) Pensions – Morris Tait reported that our pension shortfall would not occur for seventy years; we have \$117 Billion in the bank.**
 - b) Health – Bob Moorcroft reminded members to contact him if they had questions.**
 - c) Member Services- John Christie mentioned that RTO made a \$ 10000 donation to the Elder Abuse Hot Line (Senior Safety Line). Also, RTO/ERO has negotiated a deal with Shopper's Drug Mart to reduce dispensing fees and other "specials" to be announced in the future.**
 - d) Re-publishing "The Schools of Northumberland" – Faye Farmer reported that the original book was published about 10 years ago, with 500 copies being sold or given to**

libraries etc. To update and re-print the book, we would need to sell it for \$15.00 to break even. She is looking for feedback before the decision is made.

- e) **Communications – Philip (in Don Colby’s absence) reported that the Apple Press is printed twice a year in edited form; the full copy is posted on-line. District 30 has 225 email addresses, out of our 700+ members. Allan Kirby spoke of the need for the district to have email for their members to quickly get information out; an example, would be the health issues regarding asbestos in KPRDSB schools.**
- e) **Constitution – Philip Palmer explained that each district must review their constitution every 5 years, and send it to RTO for analysis. Our new constitution is available after the meeting; of course, it is always on-line.**
- f) **Political Advocacy – Jane McCaig noted that her full report on the Cobourg Market Square is in the Apple Press.**
- g) **Project Service to Others – Charlotte Majic mentioned that RTO/ERO annually provides funding up to \$4000.00 for District sponsored local projects; this year a cheque for \$1000.00 was presented to the Marie Dressler Foundation-Vintage Film Festival. Chris Worsnop received the cheque on behalf of the group.**

4. RTO/ERO Update – District 30 President John welcomed RTO President Margaret Clark. She re-iterated the security of our pension; as well, new retirees can supply up to 50 days per school year. She also reminded members that RTO’s goal is to raise \$3 000 000 for our foundation – Geriatric Medicine, University of Toronto. John thanked her for bringing her words of welcome from RTO, and presented her with a cheque from District 30 for the Charitable Foundation.

5. Barbara Moorcroft’s Retirement – John Christie thanked Barbara for her fifteen years of service to District 30. We presented her with a theatre package (War Horse tickets, dinner, and hotel) in appreciation of her contributions. Barbara thanked everyone and encouraged others to become more involved in the local RTO organization.

- 6. Merit Travel – Lori updated members with the latest trends in travel: cruises, multi-generational trips, adventure, volunteer travel and condo/hotel rentals. She recommended travelers check out this web site – www.seatguru.com. Lori reviewed long stay holidays (i.e. Portugal), a Caribbean cruise for those who do not want to fly (bus travel from Cobourg to New Jersey etc.), and a river cruise (Amsterdam to Zurich).**
- 7. Entertainment – Morris introduced the Bell Ringers from Trinity Church in Cobourg. The members really enjoyed their unique approach to traditional songs.**
- 8. An excellent meal catered by the Lion’s Centre concluded the meeting. Draw prizes included a \$250.00 travel coupon donated by Merit Travel, five “Chapters” gift cards (\$30.00 ea.) and two RTO golf shirts.**

Faye Farmer made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Allan Kirby. Carried.

These minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of RTO/ERO District 30, Northumberland.