

Durham College Retirees' Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m., June 6, 2007

Trillium Trails, Columbus

Present: Approximately 45 Retirees

1. **Call to Order**

Jim introduced the Executive and welcomed all members. He also asked that the members contact a member of the Executive if they have any topic they want discussed or investigated.

Jim also welcomed our guests, Brenda Jackson, Carolyn Campbell, Ken Babcock, Kelly Bailey and Ken Robb to our AGM.

2. **Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting**

Moved by Alice Michaud, seconded by Maureen Curling,
"That the Minutes of the 2006 Annual general Meeting be approved." Carried

3. **Officers' Remarks**

President's Remarks

Jim introduced the new Retirees' Brochure asking that any non-members present fill out the form and submit it to one of the Executives.

There will be no Election this year unless a member would like to nominate a new person to the Executive. No one accepted the challenge. Next year an election will take place.

Jim reviewed the new members over the last year and the new Retirees that we are hoping will join our association.

Regrets from members who could not attend this meeting were mentioned.

Gerry Pettit has been elected to the Provincial College Awards Hall of Fame. Further story will be in the next Newsletter.

3. **President's Remarks (Continued)**

Jim sent Best Wishes on behalf of the Association members to Bill Dulmage and Peggy Kirkconnell who are very ill.

A new Sub-Committee – Extended Health Insurance Analysis has been formed . Donna Crawford, Alice Lytwynchuk, Michelle Nichols and any other volunteer are members of the sub-committee.

Treasurer

Guy reviewed the Statement of Receipts & Disbursements and noted it was audited by Bob Bryant.

Moved by Pat Andrey, seconded by Michelle Nichols,
“That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.” Carried

Guy also commented on the CPR training which took place May 9th. It was very successful and we have the College to thank for paying for our members.

Communications Director

Donna explained there would be three issues per year and asked members to contact her with any news stories – holidays – interest pictures, etc etc. She also mentioned the method of disribution is mainly email as over 100 members have email addresses at the present time. Those without emails will be mailed the newsletter. Donna asked that any member who is not receiving the newsletter contact her to clarify their address or preferred method of delivery.

Social Director

Alice mentioned the upcoming play by John Green – noted in the last Newsletter. The upcoming events are:

- Golf Tournament - September 6th, 2007 at The Academy, Deer Creek
- Christmas Party (date to be announced)
- Dinner Theatre Spring 2008
- Annual General Meeting 2008

4. **Presentation by Brenda Jackson**
Library Book Dedication Project
Update on College Archives

Brenda explained the Library Book Dedication Project and noted the table full of books already donated in various Retirees’ Honour.

She explained if the book was ever to go ‘out of print’ the members Dedication will be transferred to another book.

5. **Presentation by Brenda Jackson (Continued)**

At the present time there are 2,133 records in the Archives – the majority College archives. These include operational policies and procedures, memorabilia, pictures, minutes of committees, etc etc. The facility is now open for members to review records.

Brenda asked for members to contact her with any archival information – to volunteer information on the early days of the College – i.e. history of various departments, how departments were structured, especially in the years 1967 – 69, stories of interest etc..

All photographs have been placed in acid free bags and boxes for preservation.

6. **40th Anniversary Celebration – Carolyn Campbell**

Carolyn mentioned Durham College is one of the few colleges in Ontario that is making a ‘big deal’ of the 40th Anniversary of the Ontario Colleges. September 18th will be the ‘kick-off’ for the celebrations.

There will be a new ‘Wall of Distinction’ for Alumni. President Leah Myers will meet with business people responsible for helping graduates in the past and municipalities will be contacted and asked that a ‘special day’ be acclaimed for the Anniversary Kick-off.

7. **2007 Wall of Recognition Inductees – Kelly Bailey**

Kelly reviewed the process and announced new retirees.

8. **Introduction to the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre – Ken Babcock**

Ken Babcock announced the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre will open June 15, 2007. It contains a Triple Gymnasium – 28,000 square feet and a “STATE of the ART” Fitness area which is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Health Centre accommodates both students and staff. It has full time nurses and a doctor on staff as well as a pharmacy, athletic therapy and alternative services – massage therapy, etc.

September 12 is the official Grand Opening from 11 a.m. into the evening.

Retirees also get a Free Lifetime Pass for Varsity Team Games and with it can bring three friends to the games. Retirees can use this facility at NO COST. Fitness classes are included.

9. Alice Michaud and Ante Vrdoljak won the door prizes – Flower Baskets.