

**St. Clair College Retiree Association
Annual General Meeting
May 3, 2017
Room 326
MINUTES**

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(Subject to Approval at the May, 2018 Annual Meeting)

1. Kathy Dupuis, Vice President, presided over the meeting as Cynthia Bissonnette, President, was not able to attend. Lyn Medler acted as secretary for the meeting. Approximately 50 members attended the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Nikki Forcellini

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2016

Moved: JoAn Dale

Seconded: Jay Ertel

CARRIED

4. President's Report

Membership is growing and Marilyn will take membership dues if anyone would like to pay today. Kathy told the group that the college matches the dues paid by members and supports all of our activities.

President France received the Athena Award and the Retirees Association congratulated her.

The website has been updated thanks to Ken Garber and Anthony Loncaric .

The 25th anniversary of the Retiree Association is next year and the committee is planning events to celebrate. Any ideas from members are welcome and can be forwarded to anyone on the association executive.

The college's 50th anniversary events are listed on the college website.

Kathy told the group about phone scams that are going around especially re banking and credit card information.

5. **Auditor's Review** completed by John Payne was provided and reported no irregularities in the financial statements of the Association.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Chambers

Moved to accept Treasurer Report and budget: Bill Jones

Seconded: Lyn Medler

CARRIED

Budget

Jim explained that the budget is based on anticipation of 350 members; Jim explained that the college matching of our dues revenue keeps our balance in the black.

7. **Memorials** – A minute of silence was observed in memory of members who had passed away over the last year. Bill Totten told the group where the plaques are that list retirees who have passed away.

8. COORDINATORS' REPORTS

- a. **Goodwill** – nothing to report

- b. **Newsletter** – Nancy Dupuis

Nancy let the group know if there are any suggestions for stories to contact her.

- c. **Chatham-Kent** – JoAn Dale

Reported that the group meets the last Wednesday of every month with about 25 people who attend. Planning a September get together for Chatham/Windsor.

- d. **Membership** – Marilyn Portt

290 to 293 members at the moment.

- e. **Social** – Marg Goodman

(Marg was picking up the pizza so others reported.)

Bill Totten – Bridge players meet at Roseland every 2nd Tuesday and have dinner after the game

Jay Ertel – RM Cars & coffee, Saturday, June 17th classic cars show with private tour of the shop.

JoAn Dale – Las Vegas trip for October 2nd, flying out of Detroit, \$895 Canadian.

Bill Totten – winter trip – Mayan Riviera for January 22nd – 29th

- \$1828
- May 26 sign up date
- Contact Anita Blair for details
- Flying out of Windsor

- f. **Archive Committee** – Lea Garber, Bill Totten

The group meets every Monday morning and has catalogued thousands of pictures. There is a folder for every retiree and every staff member that there is information for.

Reminded the group to check the website for the factoids of past events under “Memories”

Pat has been working on the folklore project and has worked with the media center and they have done 15 or 16 interview videos to record stories of college history. View these videos at

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/folklore-project.html>

If anyone in the meeting has an idea for a story, let Bill or Pat know or come out to help with the archive projects.

- g. **Fundraising** – Jay Ertel

Commitment of \$2000 to the President’s circle campaign; First cheque was given in June and second cheque of \$1000 will be given at the brunch in December

Healthplex / Sportsplex bricks \$37,429 which is 124% of \$30,000 goal.

Told the group he has brick forms if anyone wanted one.

Bricks are now in place.

h. **Communication** – Bill Totten for Pat Hallahan

The antispaam legislation that requires anyone can unsubscribe has made emailing more complicated. Ken told the group that once you unsubscribe he cannot reconnect you, you will have to do that yourself.

Bill mentioned that if you stop getting email and you did not intentionally unsubscribe, let us know.

i. **Nomination Report** – Kathy Dupuis

Kathy asked everyone to stand up or put their hand up as she read out positions and names.

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President: Cynthia Bissonnette

Vice President: Kathy Dupuis

Secretary: Lyn Medler

Treasurer: Jim Chambers

Membership: Marilyn Portt

Kathy opened the floor to nominations.

Nominations closed

Moved: Bill Jones

Seconded: Jay Ertel

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Past President: JoAn Dale

President Emeritus: Bill Totten

The above list will be the Executive for the Association for the next year.

Committee Chairs will be appointed at the next Executive Meeting.

Those standing for Committee Chairs are:

Lea Garber	Archives
Elizabeth Barr	Thames Representative
Pat Hallahan	Communications
Susan McLelland	Social
Jay Ertel	Fundraising
Nancy Dupuis	Newsletter
Lori Caba	Goodwill
Bill Jones	Board Observer
Jim Martin	OCRA Representative

Volunteers are always welcome to assist with projects and special thanks were extended to the Archive Committee and Ken Garber for the assistance they give to the Association.

9. Update from College

President France and John Fairley are in Ottawa so could not attend.

The Retiree Executive meets a couple of times of year with the President and at the last breakfast meeting the following was reported:

- Budget in black
- Another residence is being planned for Chatham
- There is talk of a parking garage at main campus
- Really pushing “Go green” – to pay attention to use less paper and do more recycling.
- Some of the retiree association members attended the Alumni of Distinction dinner
- Portrait of Dr. Strasser was unveiled recently.
- There is a to be a dedication of bridge coming into the college in honour of John Atkinson a police officer who had been killed years ago.
- Geraedts drive remains the same off of Cabana but at Herb Gray Parkway it will now be called St. Clair Drive

10. New Business

Send back CAAT pension plan document that you receive which asks for your signature or your pension payments may be delayed.

The question was asked if anybody would be interested in cruises and many said yes, for a length of 7 to 10 days?

11. Presentation – Bill Totten

Bill gave Margaret Goodman a gift certificate in appreciation of her 3 year term as Social coordinator for the association. Margaret has decided to resign this position.

Bill thanked Tony Ellul as the unofficial photographer for the association and he thanked Ken Garber for email and being our webmaster – 9 page website. As well as Anthony Locaric who assists Ken.

12. Upcoming Events

Kathy suggested that the group take in some of the 50th anniversary of college events.

A social time and late lunch of pizza, refreshments and desserts were enjoyed by all.