

# LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23, 2019, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Room A257

Draft Minutes

## Attendees:

Roy Sinn – Chair

Dave Lidstone

Gail Bremer

Jane Mason

Dawn Palmer - regrets

Shannon Redmond

Yvonne Ohara

Michael Sharzer

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Moira Gookstetter

Ken Jillings

Martin Gerson

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

## 1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of extended health benefits.

## 2. Approval of the Minutes

Approved; will be posted on the website.

## 3. Business Arising

### a. Upcoming Social Gatherings

- Dublin Crossing, November 13, 2019

### b. Geezers' Gala – October 25, 2019

- 4 acts confirmed; a few previous acts won't be available this year
- Dave will contact Petti Fong at the Voice for an article
- Yvonne, Shannon, Lara will look after front of house
- Budget of \$400 confirmed
- Yvonne taking care of the bar licence
- \$5 beer/wine, \$2 soft drinks
- Adverting on the Post
- Poster draft circulated; Dave to send Yvonne a picture to use
- Need another invitation sent – Yvonne to action

### c. 2020 AMM – January 22, 2019

- Location confirmed as Langara College Employee Lounge
- \$800 budget confirmed
- Dave will invite artisan to display
- Perhaps advertise AMM with Save the Date cards for Geezers' Gala
- Elections and re-elections will take place
- Advertise for new members prior to meeting

- d. Health and Wellness Workshops
  - 5 different workshops scheduled
  - Roy will send a schedule; Yvonne will advertise
  - Roy will host the Overview of Personal Planning – October 29
  - Shannon recommended a workshop on Assisted Dying
  - Moira asked about the opportunity to circulate information on planned giving
  
- e. Website Update
  - The Langara Retirees page can only be updated by HR
  - Jane to check in with IT and C+M about whether we can go with an external site

#### **4. Other Business**

- a. RTO (retired teachers of Ontario)
  - AGM in September, Susan Webber attended, Shannon voted VP of district
  - Currently the Pension Corporation offers a plan (currently the only plan retirees are told about)
  - Retirees are eligible to be part of the RTO plan (is this all groups?)
  - Shannon R to send Jane Mason the information for the plan
  - RTO willing to send a member out to talk about the plan
  - Ken mentioned that the Greenshield and RTO plans are vastly different
  - Another option would be to take recommendations for improvement forward to Pension Corp
  - Shannon R, Jane, Ken, Roy and Susan Webber to review document and options
  - Roy will circulate a comparison tracker that he created
  
- b. Benefits
  - Any group can request a costing for an extended health plans
  - The group size will be important

#### **5. Other Updates**

- a. Membership Update
  - 2 new members since the last meeting

#### **6. Next Meeting**

- Poll for first couple of weeks of November

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 2:35 pm