

**St. Clair College Retiree Association
Annual General Meeting
May 1, 2019
St. Clair College Sportsplex, Classroom, 2nd Floor
MINUTES
(DRAFT)**

JoAn Dale presided over the meeting as President, Kathy Dupuis was away. Lyn Medler acted as secretary for the meeting. Approximately 53 members were in attendance.

1. WELCOME

JoAn thanked everyone for coming and introduced John Fairley who had asked to address the group.

2. AGENDA

Moved to accept: Pat Hallahan

Seconded: Elizabeth Barr

CARRIED

3. John Fairley college update

College Branding:

The logo is now a silhouette, in gold/yellow of a Griffin and the college is being advertised as a destination college for Windsor/Essex/Chatham/Kent. Come for the location, sports and experiential learning.

Sportspark

John played a video showing a conceptual overview of the new facility. Architectura and Fortis Group are the contractors.

The project is being funded by the SRC, SAA and the college and will cost approximately \$21,285,000. Donations will also be sought out. It will be open to the public but first priority will be for varsity events. The facility will house sand volleyball, indoor tennis courts, a walking track, lady's baseball diamond and a soccer stadium.

Academic Tower

The college is waiting for approval from the province.

It will be built on top of the student center and will house classes for business and esports.

New Student Residence

Cost will be \$23 million and will be funded by ACE Acumen and Gem. It will have 500 beds and the design will be Z Modular, a Zekelman modular design. This will be the first building to use Z Modular in Canada.

Parking Garage

RFP has gone out and the deadline for bids is this Friday.

Enrolment

Fall 2017 10,539 (domestic 7975, International 1100)

Fall 2018 12,815 (Domestic 7615; International 4018)

We have a new May intake.

Patti does not want more than 50% international.

When compared to enrolment of all Ontario colleges, St. Clair falls around the middle.

The Conservative provincial government recently announced the Student Choice Initiative which allows students to opt out of some services. Essential fees have been decided by the college and non-essential fees are outlined by the province. These include SRC membership, Alumni fee and printing fee, among others.

As well, tuition for domestic students will be reduced by 10%

Bus service to and from Leamington and Kingsville is being discussed.

Staff & Hiring Activities

Potentially up to 120 full time staff can retire from 2018 to 2021

John thanked the retirees for their assistance with many of the college events.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2018

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Sue McLelland

CARRIED

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report was on all of the tables for attendees to review.

6. MEMORIAL

JoAn asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for those retirees who had passed away. She shared that there have been 269 retirees who have passed away, to date (that we are aware of)

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Audited by Bob Braidford and found to be satisfactory. Bob was not in attendance so this information was reported by Jim Chambers, RA Treasurer.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Chambers

Reports were handed out to the attendees and Jim explained specific aspects of it.

- assets are \$13,032

- 182 have paid their 2019 dues

- deficit is indicated because of the 25th Anniversary gala, increased attendance at the Christmas party and the \$650 sponsored hole at Woodlands Golf course allowing members to golf free.

It was asked how many people golf and Jim answered that 12 to 15 people may use it during the season. Ross suggested that this type of expenditure should be a consultation and vote by the general membership at the general meeting. That he felt this was not good value for the money spent if only a handful of members were using it.

New items on the report:

Jim informed the attendees that we now have a Retiree Association scholarship, one for Windsor and one for Chatham students

Moved to accept Treasurer Report and budget: Ross Langill

Seconded: Pat Hallahan

CARRIED

Jim suggested that because we have a deficit we should consider increasing the price of the tickets for the Christmas party. JoAn asked that comments about this be forwarded to the executive.

8. BY-LAW REVISIONS

There were copies on each table.

Bill Totten briefly reviewed the changes made to these documents.

Highlights:

- Article 4b, if the president or vice president is not available to conduct a meeting the executive will select a member from the group
- Article 4d, should any important issues arise between meetings, a vote by email will be permitted.

Moved to accept changes to bylaws: Bill Totten

Seconded: Nicky Forcellini

CARRIED

9. Policy Update Revisions – Pat

Pat Hallahan reviewed the revised Communication and Conflict of Interest Policies emphasizing that the Association does not support or promote commercial, political, religious, or not for profit ventures of any kind and that it remains sensitive to the volume of emails it broadcasts. Further, Pat reminded the members that anti-spam legislation has complicated the email distribution procedure so much that it requires the expertise of a qualified technical support person. Ken Garber fulfills this role for the Association.

Pat also informed the members that the Death and memorial protocols have been revised and that their use to date has been without negative feedback. Finally, the members were reminded that per the Personal Information Policy, personal contact information of the members is strictly confidential.

Moved: Pat Hallahan

Seconded: Elizabeth Barr

CARRIED

10. COORDINATOR REPORTS

JoAn invited those who wanted to address the group to do so as not all coordinators have something to report, currently.

Newsletter – Nancy would like to have someone take over

Membership – 354

Social – Sue McLelland introduced Mimi McPhedran and Pat Taylor who will be taking over this duty as Sue is stepping down to run for Vice President. Sue pointed out that there is a survey on each table to give ideas for upcoming events and ask for suggestions. She asked that folks fill them out and leave them on the table to be collected.

11. NOMINATION REPORT – Jim Chambers

Jim read out the elected positions and asked for nominations.

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President: Kathy Dupuis

Vice President: Susan McLelland

Secretary: Lyn Medler

Treasurer: Jim Chambers

Membership: Marilyn Portt

JoAn opened the floor to nominations.

Nominations closed

Moved: JoAn Dale

Seconded: Ross Langill

CARRIED

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	Chatham Representative
Pat Hallahan	Communications
Mimi McPhedran & Pat Taylor	Social
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.

12. New Business

N/A

13. Upcoming Events

The new social directors will be sending out a list upcoming activities.

14. Remembering Video

Bill Totten introduced the video that was discovered amongst a number of old videos. It was made for the college's 30th anniversary and was mainly interviews of, and about, Dr. Q.

The group enjoyed it very much.

The meeting broke at approximately 4:15 and members enjoyed pizza, refreshments and socializing with others.