



LONDON COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION

BOX 2317, CITY CENTRE, 380 WELLINGTON ST., LONDON, ONTARIO N6A 5N9
Serving Adult Learners since 1945

MINUTES

November 15, 2005 , Hutton House

Present: Dianne Rumney (TVDSB), Sheila Lupson, Kym Wolfe (LMFRC), Sheila Carson (TVDSB), Donna Smith (LMLN), Carmen Sprovieri, Patrick Smith (LDCSB), Robin Rundle-Drake (City), Marja Tensen (CFUW), Tom Crouch (LUHC), Heather Jeffrey, Amy Simpson (HH), Ron Hansen (UWO), Heather Cousins (LLSC), Gloria Pickering (Goodwill), Alice Brona (LCW) , Donna Moore (UWO)

Regrets: Pat Matthews, Frances Shamley, Lara Leitch

Guests: Donna Ellis, Valerian (Valy) Marochko (College Boreal)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
 - a. Heather Jeffrey welcomed everyone to Hutton House and gave a brief reminder of the work that is done there.
 - b. Dianne introduced Donna Ellis, retired Vice-Principal of Adult and Con. Ed. with TVDSB
 - c. Sheila Lupson introduced guest Valy Marochko, Training Consultant with College Boreal, the French first language college located on Dundas Street.
2. One-Minute Promotions
 - a. Marja Tensen - London branch of Canadian Federation for Women has been collecting laundry products to donate to women's shelters.
 - b. Sheila Carson- The Ontario government has announced that changes will be made in the way that ESL is funded for adults; moving from the Min. of Ed. to the Min. of Citizenship and Immigration.
 - c. Heather Cousins – The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is sponsoring a Training and Career Fair on November 24 to showcase the three major programs it supports—Job Connect, Apprenticeship and Literacy & Basic Skills. London Convention Centre 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Motivational and Labour Market speakers in the afternoon.
3. LCAE Business
 - a. The 60th Anniversary dinner went very well. Approximately 40 members attended. Lt-Gov. James Bartleman was able to attend at the last minute and lent an especially festive air to the evening. MPP Deb Matthews also attended. Guest speaker Helen Connell, Exec. Director of United Way gave an inspiring speech. Frances Shamley

delivered the retrospective on LCAE's 60 years. The tickets sales and donations covered the costs.

- b. The maintenance of the LCAE website has been transferred to UWO and should be going live very soon.
 - c. Meeting locations are still needed for February 21, March 21 and April 18. Members are asked to check whether they have a facility that could host any of these meetings.
 - d. Members were reminded about annual membership dues if they are still outstanding.
 - e. Sharon Collins who has chaired the Awards Committee is moving to England and has therefore resigned her positions on the LCAE executive.
 - f. New members are needed for the Awards Committee. Please consider serving on this very important committee. Donna Smith has offered to mentor the new members through the next awards ceremony in May 2006.
 - g. Next meeting will be held at the London Unemployment Help Centre on December 13, 2005.
4. Presentation by Donna Ellis and discussion on *Ontario Learns: Strengthening our Adult Education System*, the report that resulted from MPP Kathleen Wynn's study of adult education in Ontario. Donna reviewed the process that was used to gather the information, then organized groups to discuss the fifteen recommendations for action. Groups were asked to summarize the essence of each recommendation and discuss its local implications. Each group briefly presented the outcome of its discussion.

(Attached are files containing the text of Donna's introduction as well some points from each discussion group.)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.