



Minutes for Meeting April 10, 2022

List of 17 Participants: Lynn McDonald, Rose Dyson, Ron Stagg, Rick Ryerson, Anne Venton, Irwin Pressman, Alina Novak, Len Fortune, Elizabeth Trott, Phyllis Creighton, Kate McCrone, Bruce Weber, Freya Godard, Don Matthews, Richard Dundas, Peter Ryerson, Carolyn Edgar.

Chair: Ron Stagg

Recorder: Rose Dyson

Agenda:

Minutes from last Meeting, Reports from: Fundraising, Outreach, and Research Committees, Lynn's Meeting with Ryerson University Officials, Trip to Mississauga of the First Nations, letter to Dr Lachemi, New Business, Date of Next Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting March 27, 2022: Motion to adopt by Rick Ryerson, Seconded by Elizabeth Trott.

Fundraising Committee: Carolyn Edgar reported that cheques in the amount of \$400 have come in since last meeting. A mailbox for the Association has been set up on Parliament St. Offer has been made by Richard Dundas to help set up a GoFundMe campaign.

Outreach Committee: Carolyn Edgar reported that Lynn will speak at Shaw House on Algonquin Island on April 11th. Arranged by Bruce Weber.

Letter drafted by Rose and Lynn was sent to Yellowhead Institute asking for a meeting to discuss our concerns. It was a follow up to the last one sent out by Olivia and Rose.

Elizabeth Trott has written a script on E.R. for a play reading event at the Arts and Letters Club. It may lead to the development of a full play staging.

Poster card for distribution purposes in the works. Designed by Carolyn and Len.

Carolyn and Bruce are working on a letter to go to Dean of School of Nursing at Ryerson outlining our concerns.

Suggestion by Elizabeth that a letter also be sent to new, incoming President of Victoria College at UT. She will draft it.

Lynn has drafted a letter, proof read by Rose, to be sent to Dr. Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Bruce Weber reported on plans for a trip to Brantford to meet with members of the Mississauga of the New Credit. Five people are going on this full day trip. A number of meetings are anticipated with members of the Council, a tour of the Woodlands Institute and an attempt to identify oral history on a descendant of Peter Jones, an indigenous Methodist Minister who was a life long friend and associate of E.R.s.

Lynn McDonald: Met on April 11th with Micheal Forbes, executive director to Dr Lachemi, President of the University, and two other individuals regarding inaccuracies in the Task Force Report and subsequent conclusions. While everyone agreed that E.R. was unfairly accused, the decision to rename the University has been accepted. Lynn was advised by one of them, who is thoroughly familiar with the various briefs presented, that these will be reviewed and redacted for racist comments. All names of submitters will also be removed.

Consensus was that this procedure amounts to censorship on the part of University administration and that a press release to that effect should be drafted with copies going to the editorial desks of the 3 major Toronto newspapers.

Irwin Pressman: Recommends sending a copy of press release to Barbara Kay at National Post.

Lynn said letter to Dr. Lachemi should be sent asking for an apology for misleading copy on Plaque implicating E.R. in residential schools. The matter should also be taken to the Board of Governors.

Ron Stagg: His article on historical inaccuracies regarding E.R.'s life and legacy to be published in The Dorchester Review will soon be available online.

Ron reported that an experienced scholar is available for hire to research letters to determine E.R.s connection, if any, to establishment of residential schools set up by the federal government. This Project would involve looking at the United Church and Ontario Government archives. Period from 1837-57 to be covered with focus on education of the indigenous and minorities. Judy Matthews is prepared to provide required funding. The purpose is to clear the family name.

Next Meeting: May 1, 2022, 4pm. Motion to adjourn: Carolyn Edgar. Carried.