

Minutes of Friends of Egerton Ryerson June 22, 2025

Rose Dyson in the chair.

Attending: Carolyn Edgar, George Hume, Peter Ryerson, Lynn McDonald

Regrets: Ron Stagg

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Carolyn reported for the Finance Committee: we have about \$4,000 available in our account. \$250 was collected on June 1 at the very well attended Ryerson event co-sponsored with CIHE and MLI.

At that time it was announced that Ontario Minister of Education Paul Calandra had just introduced a bill that would put a moratorium on any school renaming initiatives in Toronto. Application to do so would have to be made to the Government with accurate historical examination involving the merits conducted.

Lynn has also had a conversation with the mayor of Owen Sound regarding the proposed name change for the city's Ryerson Parkette. The matter is now before the city council.

In September we should reconsider starting up social media posts, but they are expensive. In the meantime our website section on past and upcoming events should be updated.

The "Ryerson's Journalism" event of June 21 was discussed and considered a success. A broad range of issues reported on in the Christian Monitor during his time as editor were explored by 7 alternate readers.

Our next public event is September 20 at Deer Park Library from 2-4 pm. Dr. Peter Wyatt, former principal of Emmanuel College will speak with Len Fortune commenting on his paper.

Rose Dyson reported on the complications of scheduling a Ryerson event at Rosedale United Church in the fall. She suggested that the prospects have improved.

There was a review of the plaque issue at TMU. We continue to lobby for its removal. A summer picnic/ balcony social was scheduled for 5:00 pm, Thursday August 21 at Rose Dyson's, 37B Elm Ave. Condo. It is a potluck (people are asked to specify what they will bring). This is a replacement for the cancelled event on Toronto Island.

The next Friends meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m.