

## OPERA Executive on Zoom, 30 August, 2021

Called to order 1:05

Attendees: Horst Dannehl (chair), Rick Chataway, Jan Hynes, John Harding, Margaret Bryan, Chris Borzecki, Robin Dunbar (minutes)

Regrets: Cheryl Cavell, Shelley McDonald, Vikki Zulpo

Approval of Agenda: Moved Chris, seconded Rick

Previous Minutes: 14 April 2021 Approved (John , Rick)

Treasurer's Report: Accepted, (Horst, Chris)

As of 29 August, 2012, chequing acct \$6397.81, member's acct, \$50.00 term deposit 1 \$3232.31, term deposit 2, \$3063.29, total \$12, 743.41

Social Committee: none as Shelly unable to attend

Next Camera Club meeting 16 September,  
Next Book Club 27 September, both on Zoom,

Registrar's Report--Accepted (Jan, Rick)

Currently 455 members registered online. We have lost our connection to new retirees through the board . Discussion followed of how to advise newer retirees of OPERA's existence, and how to make the website easier to find and more accessible. Some associated comments:

-can we be linked through the school board?

-can we link with RTO, Principal's Council, the various unions?

OPERA Online Report:

Many members are not receiving OPERA Admin messages – notices of activities etc. This is primarily due to the fact that for an extended time there has been no reason for logging into the Forum and this is a trigger for them to be dropped from the mailing list.

-members need to know that they must occasionally go to web site, or after a time are dropped off list.

John plans to send a letter to members who have not been receiving Admin emails recently and describing how easily they can get back on the list -- by simply logging into the [www.operaonline.ca](http://www.operaonline.ca) forum. Such letter will be sent at some strategic time just before there will be a flurry of emails describing upcoming activities, thus making it seem worthwhile to be getting the messages again.

-in any category of messages you can click at the bottom to have the message sent to your email inbox. Rick will look into ideas of how to connect with or reach out to other retirement groups and school boards.

Immediate Future of OPERA Meetings: Will continue to meet on line, through Zoom, possibly meeting in person when the board makes our room available again. Some groups may choose to meet in person following Public Health guidelines. Would like those attending any in person events to be double vaxxed, appreciating this is difficult to monitor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 October, 10:00 on Zoom

Adjournment: 2:00 Rick, John

Submitted by Robin Dunbar and Vikki Zulpo