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# News release



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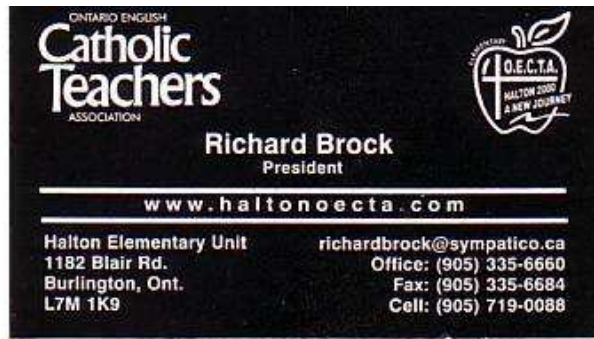
~ Executive Meeting #4 ~  
Approved Minutes

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Heart of the City ~

March 31, 2010

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## EXECUTIVE MEETING #4

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 2009  
TIME: 4:30 p.m.  
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office

Mass Celebrated by: Father Bob Stainsby

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Brock      Vendy Volak-McLaughlin  
Dana Hanson      Lori Ciolek  
John Fuca      Tara Hambly-Van Elsacker  
Catherine Ross      Betty Vrooman  
Mary Jean Monte

### MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Bob Boyle      Michelle Bernal  
Amber Vasilak      Nina March  
Alyson Kirkwood      Mary Anne MacDonald  
Fred Springer      Alicia Nunn-DeLuca

1. OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE: Richard Brock
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
Motion #15: That the Agenda for Executive Meeting #4, Thursday, December 10, 2009 be approved.  
  
Moved by: Tara Hambly-Van Elsacker  
Seconded by: Catherine Ross      - carried
3. Approval of Minutes:  
Motion #16: That the Minutes of Executive Meeting #3, Thursday, November 12, 2009 be approved.  
  
Moved by: John Fuca  
Seconded by: Betty Vrooman      - carried -
- c) Business Arising from Minutes:
  - No report
4. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - a) IN:
    - No report
  - b) OUT:
    - No report
  - c) BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:
    - No report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS (UNIT PORTION):

A) Standing Committees

1. Finance: Dana Hanson
  - See handout.
2. Professional Development: Richard Brock
  - No report
3. Individual P.D. Fund: Richard Brock
  - No report
4. Young Authors' Awards: M.A. MacDonald
  - No report
5. Joint Professional Development Committee: Richard Brock
  - No report
6. Social: Lori Ciolek
  - Poker tonight at Unit office.
7. Political Action: John Fuca
  - No report
8. Web-site: R. Brock/F. Springer
  - No report
9. Pension: V.Volak-McLaughlin
  - Reno Melatti, President of O.T.F. will be guest speaker at the Staff/C.B.C. Rep. Meeting on January 28, 2010.
10. E.A.P.: Richard Brock
  - No report
11. Wellness: Richard Brock
  - No report
12. Educator's Award: A. Nunn-DeLuca
  - No report
13. Legislation/Legal: R. Brock/B.Boyle
  - No report
14. Communications: Richard Brock
  - Halton Hilites #4 is in the schools.
  - News release #6 is in the schools.
  - C.B.C. Flyer #3 is in the schools.
  - FaxGram #14 is in the schools.
  - FaxAgenda #7 is in the schools.
  - AWARE #2 is in the schools.
  - Communique #1 is in the schools.
  - P.A.C. #0 is in the schools.
  - O.T. Info #4 is in the schools.
15. Occasional Teachers: M. Bernal/R. Brock
  - O.T. Bulletin #4 in schools.
  - February 1, 2010 - Board paid P.A. Day.
  - Topics: FaceBook and Faith formation.
  - All teachers must sign in/out.

16. Human Rights: Catherine Ross
- Purchased video “Blue Gold”.
  - Would like to meet and see movie.
  - Choose a focus.
  - January 26, 2010 is scheduled meeting.

17. Status of Women: Lori Ciolek
- No report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: (BARGAINING UNIT PORTION)

- B) 1. Negotiations: Richard Brock
- Job descriptions will be ready soon to be circulated.
2. Grievance: Richard Brock
- Three (3) in abeyance.
  - System Chaplain issue.
3. Managed Health Care: Richard Brock
- No report
4. L.T.D.: C. Campbell/R. Brock
- No report
5. Health & Safety: N. March/R. Brock
- No report
6. Labour Management: V. Volak-McLaughlin
- Meeting #2 re-scheduled to January 25, 2010.
7. Board Level Staffing Committee: V. Volak-McLaughlin
- Three (3) phases.
  - (i) Job embedded.
  - (ii) Catholic Learning Communities.
  - (iii) Conference money.
  - Released by Board and O.E.C.T.A. jointly in January 2010.
8. Joint Board Level P.D. Committee: V. Volak-McLaughlin
- No report

6. NEW BUSINESS:

i) Unit Executive Goals for 2009-2010

Motion #17: To approve the Unit Executive Goals for 2009-2010 as presented.

Mover: Lori Ciolek

Seconder: Catherine Ross

- carried -

ii) Chris Karuhanga - 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. O.E.C.T.A. Provincial

- Discussions were held regarding O.E.C.T.A. Provincial Committee Selection procedures/process.

7. OFFICER’S REPORT:

- No report.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- No report

9. OPEN/OTHER BUSINESS:

No report

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion #18 : That Executive Meeting #4 be adjourned.

Moved by: Betty Vrooman

Seconded by: Catherine Ross

- carried -

## Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City

### A free, interactive, awareness-raising event

This spring 2010, Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) will be bringing The Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City exhibit to Ontario and Québec on a four-city tour.

Ottawa: Confederation Park, May 13-16, 2010

Montréal: Parc Jeanne-Mance, May 20-23, 2010

Toronto: Christie Pits, May 27-30, 2010

Waterloo: Waterloo Public Square, June 3-6, 2010

The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness about the plight of the world's

42 million refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) uprooted by war and conflict.

Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City a free, educational exhibit that is an outdoor reconstruction of an actual refugee camp, where experienced MSF staff (doctors, nurses, logisticians) guide visitors through a 40 to 60 minute interactive tour explaining the crucial elements for survival in a refugee or IDP crisis.

During the tour, each visitor will learn some of the challenges a refugee or IDP faces in trying to access food, shelter, water and medical care. The 740 m<sup>2</sup> (8,000 square feet) exhibit is designed to accommodate approximately 800 to 1,200 visitors per day, and consists of the following areas:

- Shelter area
- Latrine area
- Health clinic
- Cholera treatment centre
- Food distribution area
- Water supply
- Nutrition treatment centre
- Vaccination tent

We developed this free exhibit to make tangible to the general public the realities of life for people displaced by armed conflict, the root cause of the majority of crises where MSF works. In 2008, the exhibit toured eight cities in Canada and the USA reaching approximately 30,000 visitors. The exhibit was first launched in France in 1995, and has toured countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

We would like to invite your students (grades 6-12) to participate in our event so students and teachers may imagine what it is like to be one of the world's 42 million refugees or IDPs forced from their homes by war or conflict.

Moreover, we believe that the refugee camp exhibit provides a hands-on learning experience that directly complements curriculum courses such as world history, world geography, social sciences, politics, and world issues. We hope you will consider this a wonderful opportunity for your students to learn more about the challenges faced by refugees and internally displaced persons around the world. Please share this invitation with department heads, colleagues, and students. For more information about the most recent tour, please visit: [www.refugeecamp.ca](http://www.refugeecamp.ca) or [www.msf.ca](http://www.msf.ca), or call: 1-800-982-7903.

To register your group please visit:

<http://refugeecampottawa.eventbrite.com>, <http://refugeecampmontreal.eventbrite.com> or <http://refugeecampwaterloo.eventbrite.com> or contact: Megan Clark - Group Outreach Coordinator- (416) 964-0619 ext 2449, [megan.clark@toronto.msf.org](mailto:megan.clark@toronto.msf.org)

#### Quick facts

- 42 million refugees and IDPs worldwide
- Reconstruction of 740 m<sup>2</sup> refugee camp in Central Canada
- 4 cities: 15,000 visitors expected
- Internationally successful exhibit, touring since 1995

