

Picking top brass for RC board turns into a side show in Barrie

by Ken Regan

It was only after five ballots, a show of hands and the raising of some questions of procedure that the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board finally elected a new vice-chairman for its 1981 term.

The situation arose at Wednesday night's inaugural meeting in Barrie, after the third ballot which reduced the number of candidates contesting the vice-chairman's seat to two: Edward Malcolm, and Marv Jo Quilty.

When votes on the fourth ballot were turned in, the tally read Malcolm, eight, Quilty,

Money winner

Winner of the \$50 money tree offered at the Huron Park School Christmas Shopping Fun Fair held last Saturday was Midland resident Ken Walker.

The grocery hamper was won by Kathy McManmon of Toronto.

seven, and to everyone's surprise, Marchand, one. (Gabriel Marchand

was the outgoing chairman and not eligible for election.)

Some board members seemed amused while others looked in

amazement at the turn of events. The meeting's director,

William Bolger called for a fifth ballot to determine a clear majority.

The clear majority rule is board procedure and dictates that with 16 voting members, a clear majority would be a 9-7 margin for any winner.

At that point, the newly elected chairman, Michael Ronan asked the director if under the peculiar circumstances, Malcolm's one vote majority might not be allowed to stand.

Bolger replied that he preferred another ballot in deference to the possibility that voting instructions had not been made clear at the outset.

Ballots

Ballots were again cast and when they were turned in the count stood Malcolm, eight, Quilty, seven, and Crawford, one. (Jim Crawford is a newly elected trustee and was not even in the running for the post.)

There was more disbelief shown by the director and board members over this

occurrence and it seemed the matter would be settled when director Bolger said, "I must presume the instructions prior to this last ballot were clear and the vote as recorded will stand." He then asked the new chairman and vice-chairman to come forward.

That wasn't the end of the matter however.

Mrs. Quilty, the defeated candidate raised the procedural question of "clear majority" and suggested in actuality it had not been obtained by Malcolm.

Bolger recognized Quilty's point and asked the approaching Ronan and Malcolm to return to their seats.

He then put the vote to the members with a show of hands, in an effort to achieve a clear majority for one of the candidates vying for the vice-chairman's seat.

In the open vote, Malcolm won with 14 votes to Quilty's two, and the board finally had their new vice-chairman.

Ronan, Malcolm head RC board for next term

Michael Ronan and Edward Malcolm were elected new chairman and vice-chairman respectively, during the inaugural meeting of Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Wednesday night.

The meeting which was held at the Education Centre on Ferris Lane in Barrie, opened with a Mass, celebrated by Reverend L. P. O'Malley, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Barrie, followed by the declaration of oaths of office by board members.

Following the election of the new chairman and vice-chairman, something which in the latter case took five ballots, Gabriel Marchand, the outgoing chairman passed the gavel to Ronan.

Following the symbolic ceremony, Ronan commented on his election and outlined four areas of concentration he would consider during his one-year tenure.

Pride

"It is with pride that I accept the honour of being chairman for the next year," Ronan stated, then continued, "I'm conscious that being chairman holds responsibilities and obligations."

He went on to say he felt the responsibility to continue to develop and nurture co-operative progress by the board, and added he felt an obligation to meet the many challenges which lie ahead for him and the board as a whole.

The first area of concentration Ronan indicated for the board during his term was that of equality of education across the county.

He questioned whether that equality existed and suggested it might be difficult to implement due to the barriers of size and geography existing in the board's area of jurisdiction. Nonetheless, Ronan called for an assessment of the situation and announced he would soon set up an ad-hoc committee to study the matter and make recommendations on it.

Concentration

Outlining a second area of concentration, Ronan asked how the board might improve and extend the existing secondary school services throughout the county. He then announced that an ad-hoc committee to evaluate current programs and their finances would be forthcoming, and its recommendations would be looked at.

The third area of importance mentioned by Ronan was in the field of special education and the implications of a soon to be instituted Bill 82 which will obligate all school boards to provide special education services where they are required.

In his fourth platform Ronan suggested the board hold additional meetings to allow board members a better opportunity to digest and deal with the information they have and to allow more time to study and deliberate on board matters.

Liquid wastes under study in Midland as industries meet

The half-dozen Midland industries that produced a total of 200,000 gallons of liquid industrial waste in the past 12 months have to find a new means of disposal.

Ian Gray, district officer of the industrial abatement section of the Barrie office of the Ministry of the Environment addressed representatives of those industries in Midland yesterday.

Gray told the small group getting rid of their waste is likely to cost them more. The ministry no longer allows dumping of liquid wastes in the Pauze dump near Perkinsfield.

The closest approved dumping station is in Barrie, Gray said. Other approved stations are in Breslau, near Kitchener and in Sarnia.

For instance Decor Metal, he said, made the

case that their waste is in the form of inert, inorganic slurry, and that it should be allowed to use the Pauze dump.

Gray said the ministry is worried about what the large amount of water would do to the local water table over the years.

Gray said he suggested that if Decor Metal took the water out of the waste at the source, the possibility exists that the resulting solid could be dumped locally.

Two hundred thousand gallons is the equivalent of between 100 and 150 tanker loads.

CPW Disposal Ltd. of Barrie accepts bulk liquid industrial waste and then transfers large amounts to Toronto.

Acetone is chemical that can be regained from waste containing acetone, he said.

IODE News

by Mrs. A. Gilbert
On Dec. 2, Kichikewana Chapter IODE held a Christmas luncheon meeting at the home of Past Regent Mrs. Arthur Gilbert.

The year's projects were reviewed by Regent Mrs. J. Tully, and time was given for discussion of the Chapters program for 1981.

Reports for the Services Secretary and by the Education Secretary detailed participation at local

and provincial levels. Our Chapter was saddened in 1980 demise of three very valued and respected members-Miss Ethel Wagg, Miss Reba Young and Miss Adele McMullen. All three were longtime devoted members of IODE and were always willing to take responsibility in their organization. They will be sadly missed.

The annual meeting will be held on February 3rd at the home of Miss Margaret Johnston.

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