

# New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

## Saint John Branch

The November Meeting of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers - Saint John Branch was held on November 16, 2017 with the President Judith Braman in the chair. Those in attendance included Jean Cameron, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling, Pat Dugay, Brian Greig, Barry Harbinson, Pat Loughery, Mary Ann Patterson, Pat Roy, Robert Taylor, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson, Pat Murray, Debbie McLaggan, Marilyn Lester and Melody Hamm. Regrets were received from Ellen Palmer and Bob Bonner.

The agenda, with additions by Kathy Dalling and Robert Taylor, was accepted on a motion by Barry Harbinson and seconded by Pat Dugay.

There being no errors or omissions, the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Pat Murray.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Robert Taylor informed the meeting the balance stands at \$10,312.24.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report - nil**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Kathy Dalling stated our membership stands at 595 members. Since March of 2011, we have lost 76 members. We are losing members due to deaths and younger retiring teachers are not joining.

### **SOCIAL**

The card party at Parkland was a great success. Due to the fact Parkland did not charge for the food, three tables were purchased as a Thank-you.

Marg Urquhart was concerned over the noise level and the amount of food. The meeting was informed more food would be ordered for the next event.

The Christmas Social is organized and Pat will have information available at the next meeting regarding Saint Patrick's Day and the spring luncheon.

## **CARDS**

Jean Cameron outlined the policy regarding the sending of cards to deceased members.

## **TELEPHONE**

Marg has updated the telephone list and informed us there are 159 members who will need calls to be informed of special meetings or items of interest. She asked members of the committee to confirm their intention of remaining and asked for additional members as she requires eight more members. Information on the call list will be added to the next newsletter.

## **PUBLICITY and NEWSLETTER**

Mary Ann informed the meeting the fall newsletter has been sent and eight of these have been returned. Attempts have been made to locate these individuals. These teachers will not have future newsletters sent to them unless the addresses are confirmed.

Reports for the January newsletter should be sent in Word and not PDF text and font size should be at least 12. Mary Ann will edit all reports.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Netta informed the meeting that the requirements for the scholarship have been reviewed. The value of the scholarship for the past three years has been \$2500. Discussion centered on what the value of the scholarship should be. The subject was tabled until full information on the scholarship wording has been received.

## **SCHOOL DAYS MUSEUM**

Melody stated desks and papers have found in Berswick. The desks will be going to the School House if storage is available.

## **REFLECTIONS**

The next issue of Reflections will soon be coming out. In the following issue, a longer article on Carolyn Harris will be included.

## **WEBSITE -Nil**

## **WELLNESS**

Debbie and Marilyn are trying to inform all members of activities being organized. Twenty-one members took part in the Facebook Workshop presented by Ellen Palmer. The Facebook -page is now setup.

Debbie and Marilyn represented Saint John at the Provincial Wellness Committee Meeting In Fredericton and NBSRTSJ seems to have a head start in this area. Many groups are just forming local committees. Paula Mathieson has joined the NBSRTSJ Wellness Committee.

Marg Urquhart informed Debbie and Marilyn Wellness money is available from the Provincial Association.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Barry Harbinson is serving on the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership at the Provincial level. After a great deal of discussion and several suggestions, Barry stated he would form a report which would be presented at a later date.

Judy asked for nominations for Lifetime Honorary Membership in the NBSRT. Please forward to Judy as soon as possible.

Dates to remember

Christmas Social- December 7th. Register by November 30th.

It was moved by Robert Taylor and seconded by Brian Greig that \$500.00 be donated to The School Milk Program. Motion carried.

Information sent to Kathy Dalling for distribution will be cleared by the president before it is sent to our Branch members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Greig.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Loughery

( Secretary )