



# New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

**MINUTES**  
**September 21, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on September 21, 2017 with the President Judy Braman in the chair. Those in attendance included: Bob Bonner, Debbie McLaggan, Ellen Palmer, Mary Ann Patterson, Netta Chase, Brian Greig, , Jean Cameron, Kathy Wilson and Pat Loughery. Regrets: Barry Harbinson, Pat Roy, Marg Urquhart, Marilyn Lester, Pat Murray and Nancy Steele.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ellen and seconded by Netta.

The amended minutes were accepted on a motion by Robert and seconded by Debbie.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Robert and seconded by Ellen. A copy will accompany the minutes.

It was moved by Mary Ann and seconded by Ellen that Robert be directed to purchase a thumb drive so Treasurer's Reports can be added to Society's portable hard drive.

Motion carried.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

No report

## **SOCIAL**

We held our first meeting on Aug. 21st at the Parkland Retirement Village. At that meeting we finalized all the details for our "Back to School Brunch" our Fall Luncheon on Oct. 26th, and our Nov. 9th Games Day.

Our brunch was attended by 70 of our members and a good time was had by all! We have the dates for our next three events and that info is included in the bulletins below that I have prepared for our newsletter and for Ellen to put on the website. I will need you to email me the name(s) of who is doing the newsletter and when they need this info so that I can email it to them.

Finally, we also booked Parkland for our Christmas Social which will be on Dec. 7th....details to follow as we get closer to that date.

The following two notices pertain to the next two events planned for our NBSRT, Saint John Branch members by your Social Committee.

### Fall Luncheon

....Thursday, Oct.26th at Saint Mark's Church in Quispamsis. A lovely roast beef dinner will be served at noon for \$20 per person.

Please register by Oct. 19th with Norma by phone at 659 2553 or through email at [ngmurphy51@yahoo.com](mailto:ngmurphy51@yahoo.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Peas and Pod will provide entertainment and the president of Men's PROBUS, Ed O'Keefe will speak for a few minutes.

### **AWARDS**

The card party will be held on November 9th at Parkland Retirement Village from 1-4 PM. Sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee will be served. The cost will be \$10.00. The deadline will be November 2nd and the contact person is Anne Levasseur

No Report

### **PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER**

The Peel and Stick will take place on October 4th at Mary Ann's home ( 37 Bayview Drive ) at 10:00. Deadline for submissions for the newsletter will be September 28th.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Netta informed the meeting the recipient of this year's scholarship will be Rylee A. Kinsella, a graduate of Simonds High School, she is enrolled in the Science program. The value of the scholarship will be \$2500.00.

### **SCHOOL DAYS MUSEUM**

On June 21st, Melody and Dianne accompanied Pat and Norma to Fredericton where they met Brenda Liston and Doreen Armstrong who gave them a tour of the School Days Museum. If anyone has items to lend or donate to the museum Melody and Dianne would be glad to take them to Fredericton.

### **WEBSITE**

Ellen informed the meeting that the provincial website is being revamped somewhat. Members of the Executive were asked if telephone numbers could be included in the

Judy Braman, President: Brian Greig, Vice President: Robert Taylor, Treasurer: Pat Loughery, Secretary

new drop box. Any member not wanting telephone numbers listed should contact Ellen.

## **WELLNESS**

Debbie reported that suggestions from the cups on the tables at the Brunch have been compiled. The committee consisting of Debbie, Marilyn and Bill has met once and they are looking into using the website and Facebook as tools to provide information to the members.

Ellen will be conducting a short seminar on Facebook and the website for members who are not familiar with these sites. This will take place at Portland United. Marilyn would like a few minutes to discuss this at the Semi Annual Meeting.

## **REFLECTIONS**

Kathy stated the deadline for submissions will be October 3rd. Pictures may be included with any articles. Anyone with suggestions for an article should contact Kathy and she will try to investigate and interview individuals. At the Semi Annual, Kathy will mention all recently deceased members. She and Ellen are attempting to keep the list up to date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The email received from Barry Rigby requires more information before any action can be taken.

Donations in memory of Jean Taylor and Carol Harris have been made. It was moved by Brian and seconded by Bob that cheques of \$50.00 each be sent to the Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

Brian informed the meeting June McNairn would like to have an opportunity to speak at our November meeting.

Brian went on to inform the meeting there about 9,000 retired teachers in the province and less half are members of the NBSRT. This may be due to younger retirees who are not interested in our activities. However, these teachers must be made aware of the fact we need more members if we are to have a strong voice in important issues such as pension and health insurance. Debbie suggested a presentation at the Retirement Seminars would be beneficial. Judy suggested each member should encourage friends to join as well. This issue will be discussed at the Semi Annual and Judy will do an article for the next Newsletter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Greig. Respectfully submitted

Patricia Loughery  
( Secretary )