

**NBSRT – SAINT JOHN BRANCH
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2016**

Meeting was held at River Cross Church at 10 AM with Barry Harbinson in the chair. Those in attendance included Judy Braman, Jean Cameron, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling, Gerry Maybe, Mary Ann Patterson, Pat Roy, Robert Taylor, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson, Larry McPhee, Pat Loughery and Brian Gregg. Absent members included Pat Dugay, Bill Mahaffy, Norma Murphy, Ellen Palmer, John Sheehan and Nancy Steele.

AGENDA: Presented

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Brian Gregg. Motions from the meeting had been accepted electronically.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Report given by Robert Taylor stated a balance of \$7727.68 plus investments.

Letter has been sent to two members regarding the payment of dues. Kathy will wait for two months for a reply before deleting names from the membership.

Letter has been sent to Lee Boulton of the Imperial Theatre for her presentation at the Fall Luncheon.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Given by Pat Roy. Discussion regarding the use of Beaconsfield School as a venue for movie night. It was moved by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Kathy Dalling that a donation of \$100.00 be given to Beaconsfield as a donation. Motion carried.

Christmas Social was a great success. Card party to be held on March 10th at the Assumption Centre at a cost of \$10.00 Light lunch to be served. Register by March 3rd.

The AGM will take place on May 19th at the Hope Centre on Loch Lomond Road. Ham and scallop lunch will be served at a cost of \$15.00. There will be a \$200.00 charge for the hall rental. Registration required by May 12th.

It was moved by Netta Chase and seconded by Marg Urquhart a committee be struck to attempt to prepare a presentation of old pictures and history of our branch. Motion carried.

TASK: This committee will be co-chaired by Judy Braman and Mary Ann Patterson. Report to follow.

Planning under way for Fall Luncheon at St. Mark’s on October 20th. Confirmation forthcoming.

TASK: Further details to be given by the Social Committee at the next meeting.

TASK: Mary Ann Patterson will bring samples of notebooks commemorating our 65th Anniversary to the next meeting. These will be given out at the AGM.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Netta Chase informed stated the balance stood at \$65,652.48 as of April 30, 2015. It was moved by Netta and seconded by Brian Gregg that \$1000.00 be donated to the fund. Motion carried. One nay vote from Kathy Dalling. Questions arose regarding donations to the scholarship fund as life time memberships were presented.

PUBLICITY: Brian Gregg had two newsletters returned and questioned the addresses on both of them.

TASK: Brian is to purchase four rolls of permanent stamps. As Newsletters are mailed to over 200 members. Lick and Stick will take place Thursday, January 28 at 10:00.

CORRESPONDENCE: Card received from Betty Smith regarding the donation in honor of her dad. Also a Thank you card from Marg Mabey for the gift card to the East Coast Bistro. Congratulations were extended to Pat Roy on being named The Maritimer of The Week.

NEW BUSINESS

Gerry Mabey informed the meeting the Group Insurance requires a 90 day stable period for coverage during periods of travel. A meeting has been confirmed with Dale Weldon but if there are no changes the meeting will be cancelled. Larry McPhee stated a relevant topic might be “information on the death of a spouse or partner.”

A discussion centered around the topic of Merit Awards.

TASK: Barry will attempt to acquire clarification of the criteria required for the Merit Awards to be presented by the Provincial Branch by emailing Betty Smith.

TASK: Suggestions for our local branch recipients to be presented to Judy Braman.

Kathy Dalling stated concerns regarding our pensions. PSSA members are receiving more of an increase in their pensions than retired teachers. We have no voice in this area. PSSA members received 1.49% of the cost of living while teachers received 1.12%. In her opinion, if PSSA members win their present case, we should have a plan in place to proceed in an attempt to improve our situation.

Following some discussion it was suggested we have a lawyer meet with us to discuss our options. Also we should have a representative from the Provincial Pension Branch come and update members on the situation.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to be held February 18, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Gregg.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)