



# New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

## MARCH 2, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on March 2, 2017 with the President Barry Harbinson in the chair. Those in attendance included Judy Braman, Bill Mahaffy, Pat Roy, Robert Taylor, Marg Urquhart, Brian Greig, Ellen Palmer, Netta Chase, Nancy Steele, Mary Ann Patterson, Kathy Wilson, Pat Dugay and Pat Loughery. Regrets were received from Jean Cameron, Norma Murphy, John Sheehan, Kathy Dalling and Larry McPhee. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by the President. The agenda was accepted as circulated on a motion by Nancy Steele and Netta Chase. The minutes from the January meeting were adopted on a motion by Brian Greig and seconded by Judy Braman.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Robert Taylor reported he had received the membership cheque reflecting a total of 584 members. This number represents a decrease of one member.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Marg Urquhart clarified the number of Directors meetings is set at two per year with the provision for more if required.

Brian Greig questioned how funding for the Biennial Meeting will be carried out.

Robert Taylor has an expense account form to be completed and funding will be taken care of.

### **TASK**

Robert will send an email to Kathy Dalling with the registration and expense form to be sent as an email to members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Directors** - Nil

**Membership** - Nil

**Social** - Pat Roy informed the meeting the Card Party will be held on March 16 at the Assumption Centre. On May 15th the Spring Dinner will be held at the Hope Centre at a cost of \$20.00. The menu will be turkey. The Back TO School Brunch will be held on September 5, 2017 at the Assumption Centre at a cost of \$15.00 and the Fall Dinner will be held at Saint Mark's on October 26th. The price of the roast beef dinner is to be determined.

**TASK** - Pat will send an email to Ellen with the information to be placed on the website.

**Awards** - Judy is still waiting for nominations. Only one name has been submitted at this point.

**Telephone** - Nil

**Newsletter** - Brian stated five newsletters were returned this month.

Submissions deadline is April 20th and the Lick and Stick will be on April 27th.

**Scholarship** - Netta had requested funding for additional memorial cards.

Receipt has been received for the donation in memory of Shirley Dysart.

**Museum** - Nil

**Website** - Nil

**Wellness**- Bill stated the walks are to start in April at the Little River Reservoir. The next movie night will be held in late May on a Wednesday night.

The curling and card night to be held at Carleton Curling Club will take place on March 25. Munchies, prizes and pizza will be available at no charge. Cash Bar available.

Membership forms for the NBSRTSJ will be on hand for prospective members.

**TASK** - Bill will send the information to Robert and Ellen to have the information posted.

Judy stated an initial meeting of the Drama Club had taken place with about five or six interested people in attendance. They are now attempting to find a location for regular meetings as well as scripts to be used.

**Nominating** - Marg has heard from everyone regarding their intentions. There are still openings for Publicity, Second V.P., Wellness and Museum. Marg is looking for names of individuals she could approach to fill these positions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following Policy Initiative was presented to the meeting by Barry:

Policy initiative:

Whereas the policy indicating the NBSRT SJ bereavement policy must be consistent and cost effective

And whereas the number of retired teachers, both members of the NBSRT SJ and non-members, dying every year will increase in the foreseeable future

the NBSRTSJ President, or designate, shall, circumstances permitting, attend the viewing and place a condolence card for NBSRT SJ members. The President, or designate, should also, if possible, attend the funeral.

Donations to the NBSRT SJ Scholarship Fund, in memory of former NBSRT SJ members, shall be gifted upon the death of current or former members of the NBSRT SJ Committee or members of the NBSRT SJ who have made a significant contribution to our association or the educational establishment. Decisions on the appropriateness of a donation will be decided by the Officers of the NBSRTSJ although suggestions could and should be forwarded to the Officers by all members of the Executive Committee

Rationale would only need to consult about five members rather than 20.

On a motion by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Pat Dugay the policy was accepted.

The following Constitutional Amendment was accepted on a motion by Marg Urquhart and Mary Ann Patterson following some discussion.

Constitutional Amendment:

Whereas NBSRTSJ had provision for both a Pension and Group Insurance committee prior to their introduction at the provincial level

And whereas the provincial NBSRT now has both a Pension and a Group Insurance committee

And whereas the proposed revisions to the provincial constitution and bylaws include geographical representation for the Pension and Group Insurance committee

And whereas the NBSRTSJ Constitution allows for the formation of ad hoc committees

Therefore: Be it Resolved that NBSRTSJ no longer needs standing Pension and Group Insurance Committees and the constitution be revised accordingly

And be it further resolved that the NBSRTSJ constitution be revised to assign responsibility for Pension and Group Insurance to the Vice-Presidents including liaison and, when openings arise, serving on the provincial committees.

**Financial Report** - Barry requested a copy of the 2017 - 2018 budget be available for the April Meeting for discussion prior to the May AGM.

On a motion by Robert Taylor and seconded by Ellen Palmer, it was moved a cheque for \$500.00 be presented to the Saint John School Milk Fund. Motion carried.

Also Robert stated one of the three GICs is maturing at a value of \$5656.33 and he moved this be renewed for either a two or three year period depending on the better rate. Seconded by Judy Braman. Motion carried.

Marg stated the BBQ will be set for July 5th with a rain date of July 6th at her summer residence.

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kathy Wilson.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)