



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Meeting was held at the River Cross Church with Judy Braman presiding. The following members were present: Robert Taylor, Ellen Palmer, Pat Roy, Brian Greig, Gerry Mabey, Marg Urquhart, Netta Chase, Pat Dugay, Bill Mahaffy and Mary Ann Patterson.

Absent with regrets: Kathy Dalling, Barry Harbinson, Pat Loughery, Nancy Steele and Larry McPhee

Call to order

Amendments to the Agenda – 1) Constitution

2) Website

Changes in Agenda moved by Bill Mahaffy , seconded by Brian Greig

Changes were made to the circulated minutes regarding the treasurers report from the September meeting .

CHANGES ” A cheque for \$1,761 was received for the present 587 members”

Revised minutes approved by members. Moved by Ellen Palmer and seconded by Pat Dugay.

TASK Secretary will send revised minutes of September 15th minutes to Website and Executive

Business arising from Minutes: Facebook page is up and running. Must be a member of retired teachers to be able to sign in.

Treasurers Information: Dues from the Sisters of Charity are up to date, received \$1400 and will send \$937 to the provincial. The card party cost \$100 honorarium. Discussion occurred concerning monitoring numbers a little closer with future dinners.

Directors report

Judy Braman reported that it was a good information meeting. The provincial numbers of retired teachers is declining. The NBTA is naming a room in their building honoring retired teachers. Question arose: Can we store any materials here? CarePath is a very good information resource. It can be found under the Resource Tab on the Provincial Website.

Honorary names for life membership must be in by December 1st

Wellness grant must be submitted by December 31st.

Biologic drugs are going up drastically .

Our Health Insurance will be going up in two weeks time:

Life Insurance 12.5%

Health 15%

Drugs 10%

Dental 5.6%

These changes will be reflected in the December cheque.

Social Committee Report

The Games Party was well attended - 57 people. Parkland was very supportive. Only complaint was it was noisy.

Christmas Party -Dec 1st Every one can bring a guest. \$15 per person. Venue will be Parkland as well.

May 18th general meeting will be at the Hope Center.

October 19th 2017 - Fall Meeting will be at St. Marks

MEETING NOW BECAME A DISCUSSION AS WE NO LONGER HAD A QUORUM

Membership Report – Nil

Publicity/Newsletter - 4 Letters returned

Scholarship Committee The memorial cards are available at most funeral parlors – Brennan's have the cards and will give receipts, Fundy and Castle have the cards but you have to be very assertive when asking for them.

Last recipient was Mechlin Aide Moani from Syria. She is a Saint Malachy's graduate. Award was \$2500. This year \$1655 was donated to the Fund which was up from last year.

School Days Museum - The box of "archival materials" from this branch was delivered to the museum. The museum has applied to the provincial association for \$5000 for renovations.

Wellness Discussed many activities which might be added this year. Bill Mahaffy needs more members on his committee.

Curling will be scheduled for Saturday March 25 in late afternoon or early evening . It will be open to member and one guest. Game would be three ends.

Movie Night might be scheduled at The Parkland .

TASK : Bill will inquire about using Parkland facilities. He will include a sign up list for December Xmas social. Date for movie night would be February 16

Bill is also planning some session at Sobeys or Superstore on cooking and nutrition.

Date April

TASK: Judy will contact some people to ask about putting together a drama performance using retired teachers.

Nominating Committee

Next May will be elections. Marg Urquhart would like everyone to make their intentions known as we go forward in the year.

Website Pictures on website are up to date. Facebook linked was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

May Biennial - Discussion concerning attendance at in Miramichi May 9 & 10.

Discussion on expenses for the delegates will be tabled until next meeting.

Register at Rodd Inn, holding a block of 40 rooms Single rate \$129 per room.

Barry Harbinson, President: Gerry Mabey, Vice President: Robert Taylor, Treasurer: Pat Loughery, Secretary

Encouraged to book early if you are going.

Constitution for Provincial Association

The final draft will be finished by January to present at the May meeting to the membership.

Some changes:

- Every 5 years reviewed
- One two year term only
- Annual General meeting will be open to all members
- VP will have specific duties
- Group insurance and Wellness will be divided into two committees
- If the branch has a voting member the Provincial Association pays
- Grants and donation section will be added so branches can apply for money
- Voting – one member, one vote

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Grieg

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ann Patterson for Pat Loughery