



## **New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch Minutes September 20, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on September 20, 2018 with the President Judy Braman in the chair.

Members in attendance included: Brian Greig, Bob Bonner, Robert Taylor, Nancy Steele, Pat Dugay, Kathy Dalling, Mary Ann Patterson, Kathy Wilson, Netta Chase, Pat Roy, Marg Urquhart, Ellen Palmer, Marilyn Lester, Debbie McLaggan and Pat Loughery. Judy called the meeting to order at 10:00.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Netta Chase and Ellen Palmer following the addition of the following items : a) Executive having a complete membership list ( Brian Greig )

b) Barbeque numbers ( Marg Urquhart )

c) Date of the AGM (Robert Taylor )

d) Travelling expenses ( Kathy Wilson ).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Robert Taylor reported cheques in the amount of \$700.00 and \$1758.00 have been received. Drop Out Brunch ran at a cost of \$273.00 and there will be a charge for the bus being rented for the Fundy Trail Outing. The balance for the account is just over \$10,000. This does not include investments.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Nancy Steele reported the new application forms for membership must be used. These forms require Vestcor, year of retirement and community.

George Daley, President of the NBTA , spoke of a willingness to work with the NBSRT. All reports are on line at [WWW.NBSRT.CA](http://WWW.NBSRT.CA).

The scholarship committee is alive and well and scholarships will be presented to a third year university student and a second year NBCC student in 2020.

The AGM will be held in Bathurst on May 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In regards to Wellness a \$200.00 grant is available and other money up to \$600.00 is available for a new initiative.

Membership is still an issue and a committee has been struck to address the situation. Personal contact is still the best way to increase membership. (There are now more retired teachers than active teachers. The branch should give a short presentation at the local AGM regarding our Association. Marg Urquhart stated she has met with Mike Ketchum and he has agreed to let NBSRT give a five minute presentation at the retirement seminars. Debbie McLaggan reminded the

meeting card parties and activities are still very popular with our members and should be retained while other activities are added. Mary Ann Patterson suggested perhaps trying to obtain discounts from various businesses for our members. It was also suggested a table presentation be placed at the local AGM.) Nancy also stated voting for the provincial NBSRT went well and will be reviewed for the election in two years. All were satisfied for a first go round.

### **Membership**

Kathy Dalling report a total of 599 members. She stated she is working hard to increase this number with minimal results. Marg Urquhart suggested a special meeting to deal with the topic trying to determine the concerns of newly retired members.

### **SOCIAL**

Pat Roy stated 74 attended the Drop Out Brunch.

October 25th will be the Fall Luncheon at St. Mark's. We will have roast beef at a cost of \$15.00. Register with Norma Murphy.

November 15th will be the Games day at Parkland and our regular meeting will be moved to November 22nd.

The Christmas Social venue has not been finalized. It was moved by Marg and seconded by Brian that the price of the dinner and two drink tickets will be \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Carried (One nay vote- Kathy Dalling) AGM will be held on May 16, 2019.

### **WELLNESS**

Marilyn Lester informed the meeting 39 have registered for The Fundy Trail Outing. The next event will be in the spring. A list of Wellness Events will be on display at the AGM. Marg suggested a fun activity prior to the events. Marilyn and Debbie will look into this.

### **AWARDS**

It was moved by Bob Bonner and seconded by Pat Roy that a grocery card and a potted plant be presented to Jean Cameron at the Fall Luncheon in recognition of 36 years in the Association. Motion carried.

**Cards** Jean Cameron has passed her information on to Pat Dugay. Kathy Dalling will keep Pat updated on the membership list.

**TELEPHONE** Marg has received the most recent list of members without emails.

## **PUBLICITY**

Newsletter submissions must be received by October 4 and Peel and Stick will be October 10th.

## **REFLECTIONS**

The little red school house has been moved. Kathy Wilson will take pictures and submit an article to Reflections. She is looking for interview subjects. Anyone with a suggestion, please inform Kathy.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Netta informed the meeting she had received clarification on the wording for the scholarship. It was moved by Netta and seconded by Robert that the wording as presented in Netta's report as sent out by Marion Williams regarding the qualifications for the scholarship be accepted. Motion carried

## **SCHOOL MUSEUM**

Melody and Diane are planning a trip to Fredericton.

## **WEBSITE** Nil Report

**OLD BUSINESS** The minutes from June are unavailable until Barry returns home.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Membership meeting has been tabled.
- 2) List of members answered.
- 3) Barbeque date set for September 27th and attendance was confirmed.
- 4) Travelling expenses tabled.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery  
(Secretary)