

## **New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers**

### **Saint John Branch**

The Regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on February 15, 2018 with the President Judy Braman in the chair. Those in attendance included: Barry Harbinson, Brian Greig, Bob Bonner, Robert Taylor, Nancy Steele, Jean Cameron, Kathy Dalling, Mary Ann Patterson, Pat Murray, Melody Hamm, Dianne Stackhouse, Pat Roy, Marg Urquhart, and Marilyn Lester. Regrets were received from: Pat Dugay, Gerry Maybe, Kathy Wilson, Netta Chase and Debbie McLaggan.

Judy called the meeting to order at 10:00. Amendments to the agenda, including a review of the voting procedure at the provincial level and a standard form for events, were accepted on a motion by Barry and seconded by Brian. The minutes from the last meeting contained typing errors which will be corrected. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Brian and Pat Roy.

#### **ACTION**

**Judy is to amend the minutes and send them to Kathy Dalling.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Robert informed the meeting that for the period of November, 2017 to January 30, 2018, the opening balance was \$10,312.24 and the closing balance was \$10,434.76. Robert explained there has been an increase in bank charges and suggested closing the savings account due to a \$2.00 per month charge. It was moved by Barry and seconded by Marg the account be closed. Motion carried

#### **ACTION**

Robert will see the account is closed.

Discussion arose regarding the funding of members attending the NBSRT AGM in Moncton. It was moved by Marg and seconded by Brian that the same procedure as used in the past for branch members not sponsored at the provincial level be kept in place. Motion carried.

#### **ACTION**

Robert will provide the information regarding reimbursement of expenses at the next meeting.

#### **DIRECTORS**

Nancy asked if any members of the Executive would be attending the AGM in Moncton.

Members are responsible for their own lodgings and registration. Judy, Marg, Barry, Bob B, and

Pat Murray are sponsored by the Provincial.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Kathy Dalling informed the meeting that nine of the ten Sisters of Charity who are members pay by automatic deduction. We had 595 members in November and we now stand at 594.

She also stated there were concerns regarding the Newsletter and emails which would be dealt with at a later meeting.

### **SOCIAL**

The Social Committee thanked the Executive for adding financial support to their efforts. The following events are planned for the near future: March 15<sup>th</sup>, Saint Patrick's Day Games Day to be held at the Assumption Centre. A notice has gone out and a reminder will be sent on March 6<sup>th</sup> to promote the event. There will be a wearing of the green contest as well as door prizes and 50/50 draw.

The AGM luncheon at the Hope Centre has been confirmed. A turkey dinner will be served.

June 7<sup>th</sup> has been confirmed for another Games Day at the Assumption Centre.

The Fall Luncheon on October 25 has been booked.

### **ACTION**

Judy will advise members of the monetary cap via newsletter and posting of the minutes on the website.

### **AWARDS**

Bob Bonner will check to see if any members should be acknowledged at the AGM in May.

### **CARDS**

Jean will send a card to Gerry Maybe.

### **TELEPHONE LIST**

A twelve member list is being made up to make necessary calls. The list will be finalized by the next meeting.

### **PUBLICITY**

168 Newsletters were mailed out and only 2 were returned. The next Newsletter will go out on April 25<sup>th</sup> with the deadline for submissions being April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACTION**

Kathy will compile the list of 20 or so members whose information is not updated.

Barry will attempt to secure this information for Doug Kelly while Pat Loughery will attempt to find the information for Dawn Erbs.

**REFLECTIONS** Nil report

**SCHOLARSHIP** Nil report

### **SCHOOL DAYS**

The committee is attempting to secure toys from the 1950s.

**WEBSITE** Nil report

## **WELLNESS**

The Wellness Committee met on January 25<sup>th</sup> to plan for the spring and fall. A trip to the sugar woods at Elmhurst Outdoors is planned for April 7<sup>th</sup>. The information will be posted on the website and on local Facebook. At least 25 participants are required to run the event. Other ideas considered are history walking tours and lunches at local restaurants. Event handouts will be available at the AGM. The next meeting is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gerry Maybe gave Judy six retirement plaques and trays. Attempts are being made to locate the owners. If an owner cannot be located these trays will be sent to Fredericton to the School Days Museum.

Judy passed out a list retirees from 2003 – 17. She asked that all members contact at least five retirees to become members. She stated that an AD HOC committee has been set up at the provincial level to try and recruit new members.

Suggestions for acquiring new members included holding a wine and cheese and inviting retirees, paying dues for one year and table the discussion until we receive the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. In the meantime, a copy of the Newsletter will be sent to the NBTA rep at each school. A motion to table until the next meeting was moved by Brian and seconded by Robert. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barry and seconded by Jean that the date of the March meeting be moved from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried

In regards to the Provincial election, Judy reviewed the timeline of election events with the completion dates. The quandary is how members of our Branch will be encouraged to vote as on-line voting is not permitted.

Pat Murray spoke on the importance of the election and the secrecy of the ballot. She suggested sending out a copy of the email sent by Marg marking it as very important to all of our members and mail out the information to those members without an email. Also advertise on the webpage and on Facebook.

It was then decided that two locations ( on east and one west ) be set up on two days to serve as polling stations.

## **ACTION**

Pat Loughery will confirm Carleton Curling Club and Glen Falls School as the two sites.

Kathy Dalling will develop a standard for all events to be sent out as emails.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery

( Secretary )