



The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held by zoom on April 21, 2022 with the President Brian Greig in the chair. Members attending included: Bob Bonner, Barry Harbinson, Judy Braman, MaryAnn Patterson, Kathy Dalling, Pat Murray, Marijke Blok, Ellen Palmer, Rose Theriault, Frances Butler. Absent: Dianne Stackhouse, Susanne Sutton and Melody Hamm.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Pat and seconded by Barry.

Additions to the agenda brought forth by Barry included the Survey Draw and Correspondence.

The March 17<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted on a motion by Rose and seconded by Kathy.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Barry informed the meeting we have a balance of \$30,761.14.

B. Discussion: 3 GIC's are maturing in May, total value of approximately \$17,000.

***C. Barry moved and Frances seconded that the two oldest maturing GIC's be reinvested at Bayview Credit Union at a rate of 2.5% and that we wait until the third matures to see if rates increase.***

D. Barry shared his screen with the proposed 2021-2022 budget, which is planned based on the hosting of more social activities in the coming year. Standard expenses were noted, including a need for new labels for Kathy, and the fall luncheon budget was bumped up.

***Moved by Judy and seconded by Pat: that the proposed 2021-2022 budget be presented to the membership at the May AGM.***

## **DIRECTOR and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Wellness:**

A. Rose thanked MaryAnn for her wonderful work on the Newsletter, and Ellen for all her work on the Website.

B. Rose has updated the Activity Calendar with Partridge Island, Pickleball, Art Outside, Lawn Bowling, etc. Members from other branches may attend activities.

C. Brian reminded Committees that he needs their Yearly Reports for the AGM.

### **Social:**

Marijke updated the group on the AGM and dinner at the Hope Centre, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 11:30, welcome remarks and lunch at 12:00, AGM to follow. Marijke will confirm with the caterer and the Hope Center regarding the date at which we can cancel, if need be.

Bob Fitzpatrick will bring greetings at the AGM from the provincial body.

New members will be honoured at the Fall Luncheon.

## **Membership:**

Barry noted that neither the Provincial NBTA nor the local branch are doing in-person celebrations for new retirees this year. At the May meeting we will discuss whether we can reach out to schools regarding their own celebrations of teachers retiring, and whether we should have a NBSRTSJ representative present.

## **Cards:**

Pat has noted a significant increase in sympathy cards sent recently. Following discussion regarding the reading of the names of deceased members at the AGM, it was decided the list would be from May 2020 – May 2022. Judy suggested we print the names and have them placed at each table. Kathy will prepare the list and will forward it to Pat for her records, and to Ellen for the website.

## **Membership Data:**

Kathy stated we now have 553 members, and 7 passed away in 2022, in comparison to 20 members having passed away provincially.

Currently, we have the largest membership in the province, and the provincial enrollment is the same as the previous year.

## **Website:**

Ellen updated the newsletter on the website, including such items as a Thank You for the Mandela Art Program, the Wellness winner for “Honour the Teacher”, etc. Half of the teacher tributes have been published.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Congratulations to Kevin Langford who won the draw for the \$50 Sobeys gift card.
- B. Bob noted that the change for the quorum requirement is in the by-laws, thus not needing discussion and approval at the AGM.
- C. Bob asked whether we should donate to the Ukraine relief efforts, given our surplus. Brian suggested we discuss this at the May meeting.
- D. Brian noted that further discussion of the AGM will occur at our May meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by MaryAnn at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Butler for

P. Loughery  
( Secretary )