

**NBSRT – SAINT JOHN BRANCH
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 24th, 2011**

Meeting convened at 10 AM at Chateau Champlain, with President Marg Urquhart chairing. Attending: Pat Dugay, Carol Robertson, Robert Taylor, Pat Beyea, Lynne White, Sue Smith, Barry Harbinson, Barrie Rigby, Nancy Steele, Larry McPhee, Mary Ann Patterson. Regrets: Gerry Mabey, George Little, Mary Ellen Maillet, Ann Stone, Jean Cameron, Linda Perrin, Carol Harris, Norma Murphy, Kathy Dalling, Pat Roy. Following the call to order and welcome by the President, the Agenda was approved on **motion** of Barry, **seconded** by Nancy

Minutes of the September 29th meeting were approved on **motion** of Robert, **seconded** by Barry, with a correction in the Scholarships report that the Finance Committee is to “set up guidelines and procedures *for a possible second scholarship* in consultation with school Guidance departments”.

Finances: Larry reported that we have \$7785.57 in our current account. The fall luncheon had a deficit of \$50, but a surplus if the 50/50 prize and door prize donations are counted. The Scholarship Fund investment is \$42,879.50. The 2011-12 scholarship recipient is Rachel Fulton of Public Landing. Larry has received thanks from Claire Correia, the Senior Centre and the Milk Fund. **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Barrie that the financial report be accepted; motion **carried**. Larry further reported that the Finance Committee has not met yet to consider the viability of a second scholarship or a possible higher luncheon price for non-members.

Public Relations Plan: Larry presented a quote from Key Industries (**attached**) for a fridge magnet in an apple design; a bell design would be \$100 more. It was suggested that magnets could be given out at our AGM, at pre-retirement seminars, and in information packets for new retirees. **Moved** by Barry and **seconded** by Barrie that we purchase 1000 apple design magnets at \$.42 each; motion **carried** with one nay vote. Information will be conveyed to George Little for final design to be submitted to the Executive.

School Days Museum: Marg reported that we have not succeeded in interesting anyone at Telegraph Journal. It was suggested we might write our own story or editorial under the title “Undiscovered Gem”. We could also promote on the Cable 5 turnaround, and contact Catherine Harrop at CBC-TV. A Branch trip to the School Days Museum was previously suggested.

Charitable Donations: Consensus was not to make these, if any, from 50/50 draw proceeds. The Finance Committee will consider this further, perhaps adding a budget item for charities and having a rotating list.

Fall Luncheon: Eighty-four members chose salmon and twelve chose chicken. There was positive feedback on everything except the short deadline period. The committee is concerned re the cost of the venue. There were about 40 at Lily Lake who were not at St. Mark’s last October. Members do not want a church basement atmosphere; they do want an accessible location.

Christmas Wine and Cheese: Dec. 8th. Sue reported that there are 46 registered so far. Concern was expressed re tickets only being available at the luncheon, so an e-mail and phone message will be sent advising members to RSVP to Sue Smith by December 5th.

Future Social Events: Possibilities are a Valentine Week event and/or a riverboat cruise in June (limit 65 participants).

Spring Luncheon/AGM: Possible sites to be considered by the Social Committee: Lily Lake, Ketepec Marina, East Riverside, Our Lady.

Card Party: Marg expressed thanks to those who donated the facility at Our Lady, donated door prizes, and made refreshments. Lynne reported that there were 29 members there. She circulated a financial report on the event (**attached**), showing a profit of \$16.39.

Membership: Lynne reported that she has found over 40 members, some long-time members, missing from the Provincial list, or mismatched to other Branches. This negatively affects our grant from NBSRT and also our incentive subsidy. She may have to consult with the Kings County membership chair. A membership committee will be held once the list is sorted. Also at that time, Lynne will produce a list with names only, and Board members should see who of their former colleagues is not on the list and contact them re the benefits of joining NBSRT.

Workshops: About 20 members attended the digital photography workshop offered by Roger Savoie in October.

Website Committee will meet once Kathy Dalling recovers.

Critical Illness Insurance: This is a program being offered by Johnson Insurance. Consensus was that an information session would be useful, and that we might invite active teachers also, from Branches 6, 8 and 10. Marg will see if Johnson's will do a session, then set it up with the help of Gerry Mabey (Liaison with Branch 8).

Crescent Valley Resource Centre: They are requesting books, mittens, and money. Consensus was to mention this in our notice re the Wine and Cheese and let members make up their own minds re donating through a drop box.

NBTA Pension Seminar on December 3rd: Marg has been given some time at the start to speak.

Canada Pension: Conflicting advice is being received re the advantage of taking it at age 60 as opposed to waiting until age 65.

Next Meeting: February 2nd, with postponement to the 9th if schools have a storm day on the 2nd. One agenda item: consider possible joint activities with the Kings County Branch.

Adjournment moved by Robert.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Secretary.