

**NBSRT – SAINT JOHN BRANCH  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

This meeting convened at Chateau Champlain at 10 am, with President Marg Urquhart chairing and the following in attendance: Gerry Mabey, Barrie Rigby, Robert Taylor, Larry McPhee, Netta Chase, Ann Stone, Ellen Palmer, Norma Murphy, Linda Perrin, Barry Harbinson, Nancy Steele, and Carol Wilson. Regrets from Sue Smith, Marry Ann Patterson, Kathryn Dalling, Pat Dugay, and Pat Beyea.

**Agenda:** Approved on **motion** of Larry, **seconded** by Ann.

**Minutes** of March 21<sup>st</sup>: approved as circulated on **motion** of Robert, **seconded** by Linda.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry circulated a report showing total assets of \$16,691.53. The report was approved on **motion** of Larry, **seconded** by Barrie. Larry also reported that our Branch's door prizes for the Biennial would be a \$20 gift card from Tim's and a \$20 gift card from Irving.

**Pension Issue:** Barry Harbinson reported on a meeting yesterday in Fredericton. The government has not yet begun to talk to teachers re the shared-risk model; the focus has been on a new tentative agreement. NBTF can support our efforts but cannot represent NBSRT. Barry has had no response yet to his request to have a delegation from NBSRT-SJ attend the Saint John Caucus meeting. He has warned Roger Nesbitt that the pension issue is likely to come up at the Biennial; Barry will be submitting a report but has yet to be invited to speak. Roger Nesbitt is requesting Pensions Branch to send a letter and membership application form to all retired teachers if NBSRT pays the postage. Marg got a phone list from Mary Ann Patterson and will scan and e-mail it to us so we can make contacts as needed.

**Constitution Committee:** Gerry Mabey reported that the committee met again to finalize proposed changes. He will summarize the changes on a page to go out with the spring newsletter, and will make 100 copies of the revised Constitution, Appendix, and changes sheet for the spring luncheon. It was **moved** by Gerry and **seconded** by Barry to recommend the submitted amendments to the membership for approval; motion **carried**.

**Sign-ups** will be available at the spring luncheon for possible Wellness activities in 2013-14, and for those who may be interested in observing at Executive Committee meetings – this will also be mentioned in the spring newsletter.

**"New look" local brochure:** Consensus was to table this project until the fall.

**Social Activities:** The committee will publish plans for a June activity and the Dropout Brunch in the spring newsletter.

**Proposed Presentation** by Lisa Hurd on healthy aging: “Dance Like a Butterfly”: Her charge is \$400 for a group of 20 to 50. Consensus was that this is too expensive per person with hall rental also to be added.

**“Out of the Cold”**: a volunteer shelter program for homeless men during the winter, run at Grace Presbyterian Church. The program is seeking volunteers. Joyce McDowell is the contact at 657-8171. Netta will publish this in the spring newsletter.

**Travel Insurance Presentation** by Dale Weldon at Millidgeville North on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am: Netta will put a PSA on CBC. Ellen will ask Kathy Dalling to send an e-mail reminder. Barry will have membership forms available. A \$40 gift card from Bistro was suggested as a door prize; Barry will do a ticket form to include name, telephone, e-mail and indication whether they are members of NBSRT; we can save the tickets to look at and follow up with non-members.

**Nominating Committee**: Barrie Rigby reported that positions needing to be filled are 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary, Pension Committee, Group Insurance, Wellness and Social Committees. Several names were suggested to be approached.

**Spring Meeting**: The agenda will include constitutional revisions, awards, election of officers, and pension update. Barry Harbinson will be away, so Roger Nesbitt or Betty Smith will be invited to provide the pension update.

**Spring Newsletter**: Content is to reach Netta by April 20<sup>th</sup>, and the mailout will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Local Retiring Teachers’ Dinner** will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at Lily Lake. **Moved** by Barrie and **seconded** by Gerry that the Branch pay for the President and three others to attend; motion **carried**. A letter and application form from NBSRT will be given out, along with a promise of free dropout brunch, which will be September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Assumption Church at a cost of \$12.

**House Rental Proposal**: Sue Smith submitted an e-mail from an Ontario retired teacher living in Belgium, who wants to come to NB and to rent his house in Belgium for a year. **Moved** by Gerry and **seconded** by Barry to publicize this in the spring newsletter; motion **carried**.

**Adjournment** moved at 12:10 by Barry. Next meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.