

NBSRT Saint John Branch
Monthly Meeting
Minutes for March 19, 2015

Call to Order: President Barry Harbinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at Rivercross Church, Forbes Drive, Saint John.

Attending: Barry Harbinson, Nancy Steele, Ellen Palmer, Bill Mahaffey, Gerry Mabey, MaryAnne Patterson, Cathy Dalling, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson, Jill Jollineau

Regrets: Carol Harris Raynes, Judy Bramen, Robert Taylor, Pat Duguay, Jean Cameron, Larry McPhee, John Sheehan, Netta Chase, Linda Perrin, Pat Roy

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda included the website and membership. Moved by Nancy Steele, seconded by Marg Urquhart, approved.

Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2015: Moved by Marg Urquhart, seconded by Nancy Steele, approved.

Treasurer's Report: A financial report was submitted dated for January 31, 2015. The updates included revenue from the card party provided for a surplus of \$150. Membership cheque received for \$1 785 from 585 members.

Business Arising from the Minutes: none

Committee Reports:

Pension Committee: Larry Jamieson is head of the teacher's pension committee. The newsletter has been distributed to the membership of retired teachers.

Awards Committee: One further meeting is required to finalize awards to be presented. Flowers for Carol Harris Raynes will be presented at the AGM in recognition of her service as this is her final year.

Social Committee: Games afternoon was a great success with 49 attending and 50 paying.

The May lunch will be held at Hillcrest and a menu and price is almost finalized. Equipment, head table and miscellaneous items are yet to be organized for the May meeting.

The day trip on June 4th will leave the westside heading to St. Andrews. The trip will include the Huntsman Marine Lab, Kingsbrae for lunch and tour and then visits to a few sites along the sculpture trail. The price will be approximately \$50, soon to be confirmed. Day trip participants must pay in advance.

St. Marks is the likely venue for the fall meeting in October. It has been booked with the idea of being certain of a place although others are being explored. The menu and price has been discussed and is to be finalized.

The Christmas social will be held at the Homeport on Douglas Ave. The most likely date will be Dec 10. Details to follow.

There was a discussion on changing up the June lunch in 2016 with consideration being given to a potluck in Westfield.

Scholarship Committee: Marion Williams and the scholarship recipient have been invited to attend the luncheon.

Website: A new website is being developed and will be functioning in June.

Wellness:

Bill Mahaffey reported that the digital camera workshop will be held the end of August. A suggestion is to have it be a 2 part session including use of the equipment and composition of pictures. Can we subsidize a rental fee/presenter fee for the event?

The walking group will resume later in the spring, likely late April, early May.

A concern was expressed during these events if someone gets hurt- is there liability?

Action item: Jill will call Robert Scott.

Constitution Committee: no news at this time. Amendments with suggestions will be coming out soon. All amendments must be presented to the membership.

Nominations Committee: A second VP is needed. The nominations continue to be a work in progress. Committees with openings are the telephone and scholarship committees.

Membership Committee: The membership will provide the statistics to go with Robert Taylor's report of 585 members paid. It is believed that 582 should be paying locally with 19 additional including the members with the Sisters of Charity for a total of 601.

New Business:

Bill Mahaffey presented options for the purchase of our own projector. Several models were considered as well as the benefits/drawbacks to buying in Canada or the US. Bill moved that the Casio SJ A257 ultra slim be purchased including the carrying case (unless included) plus taxes. Seconded by Jill. Approved. The executive will make the purchase.

An email was received from Sandy MacKay regarding a part time instructor position for the UNB extended learning program. The pay is \$25 per hour plus prep time. The notice will be included in the April newsletter if an article is prepared and submitted in time. Ms MacKay will be asked to provide the article.

Articles for April's newsletter must be submitted by April 21 for print on the 25th.

Marg Urquhart has offered her cottage for the summer bbq. The date will be Thursday, June 25th anytime after 11:30 am.

Nancy Steele reported that 5 participants are likely for the May AGM.

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Nancy Steele.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2015 at Rivercross Church.
Lick and stick is April 30, 2015.