



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

Minutes January 21, 2021

A zoom meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 with the President Judy Braman in the chair. Members in attendance included: Brian Greig, Barry Harbinson, Bob Bonner, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Dalling, Pat Murray, Ellen Palmer, Netta Chase, Mary Anne Patterson, Rose Theriault and Pat Loughery.

The agenda was revised to include reports from Awards, Cards, Scholarship and Wellness. The Agenda was then accepted on a motion by Brian Greig and seconded by Marg Urquhart.

MINUTES

There being no errors or omissions, the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Barry Harbinson and seconded by Pat Murray.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There has been no reply to date from NBSRT regarding a request that Vestcor present their annual report to retired teachers as well as active teachers. There is a scheduled meeting for January 26th with the new membership committee which will be chaired by Bob Fitzpatrick. Judy will follow up with Bob by email regarding status of our request regarding a meeting to discuss our pension.

TREASURER

Barry stated the present bank balance is \$15073.15. However, there are three uncleared cheques in the amount of \$2080.14 which would bring the actual balance to \$12993.01.

AWARDS

The awards from 2020 will be presented with the 2021 presentations.

MEMBERSHIP

There has been no change in our numbers. We currently stand at 569. Our last update was received on December 22, 2020. It was noted Rena McGregor and Mary Power will be joining Judy's membership committee.

NEWSLETTER

Mary Ann stated only two newsletters were returned in December. Total cost of mailing was \$199.00. Additional, stamps, envelopes and labels will be required. February 3rd will be the deadline for submissions. Suggestions included: concerns regarding pension, election of officers, concerns of retired teachers who are members and may be in need of assistance during Covid, access to the web page, information on scholarships, jokes, riddles etc. and the list of draw winners from our Wine and Cheese.

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NOMINATIONS

Barry reported there are openings for Vice President and Social Committee Chair.

SCHOLARSHIP

Netta informed the meeting Thank you letters and pictures had been received from the recipients. She also moved seconded by Brian a donation of \$500.00 be made to the Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

Netta will also send a letter to the editor regarding the winners of this year's scholarships.

WEBSITE

Ellen stated the Provincial Web Site is seeking names of retired teachers who could be highlighted in the Spotlight section. Also leave a comment or suggestion and perhaps your name will be drawn as was the case with Barry and Marg. We have a provincial Twitter account and Betty Smith is adding information. Again there is a prize draw for joining.

Passwords and usernames can be obtained from Ellen.

Kathy spoke regarding her concerns on the In Memoriam Page. Ellen will pass her concerns on to Dale.

A picture of today's zoom meeting will be placed on the webpage and on Facebook.

WELLNESS

Rose reported that a Provincial Wellness Zoom meeting had been held on January 13th and various branches outlined what they had been doing for their members during Covid. There are grants available for Wellness. They are the Wellness Grant with a limit of \$600.00 and each Branch being encouraged to apply as well as the New Horizon Project with funding to a maximum of \$25,000.00.

Garth Wade has established a story – telling presentation which will be available by zoom on February 16th at 2:00. It will be 45 minutes in duration.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Bonner spoke on the importance of supporting our working members during this pandemic. He suggested a letter of support in regards to the conditions they are experiencing right now. The letter should be sent to all principals in the District as well as to the editor of the newspaper. It was also suggested Bob Fitpatrick do the same at the provincial level. Bob and Pat Murray will compose the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)

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