

# New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch



## MINUTES APRIL 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 with the following members in attendance: Judy Braman, Brian Greig, Bob Bonner, Barry Harbinson, Ellen Palmer, Marg Urquhart, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling, Kathy Wilson, Mary Ann Patterson

Agenda was approved by Marg and seconded by Ellen

Minutes approved by Brian and seconded by Netta

### **Business arising from the minutes**

Gatherings have to have an operational plan. Judy and Barry feel we should wait on any get togethers to see what the variants do. Suggestion was to let the membership know in the newsletter that we will plan to do something once it is safe.

Grants – NBSRT Provincial has decided to shelve all grants for now but give each district their money for full membership early, for Saint John branch could be \$7000+ to use as they wish. The wellness grant was approved and \$400 was forwarded to the branch

Barry will confirm with Kathy the membership numbers

Strategic plan - Forms were completed and sent in.

**Treasurers report** - \$11,761.70 is the current balance with three outstanding bills which would mount to approx. \$1000.

### **Committee Reports**

Cards - report submitted

Membership Secretary :report submitted

### **Recruiting membership report-**

A suggestion was made to Bob Fitzpatrick by Judy that the membership forms should be given to retired teachers as they retire so they don't question where their private information is going. When a new member signs up a notice of welcome will be sent to them. Responsibility to draft this notice will go to the Recruiting membership committee.

Pens are in and cards are ordered. Once the cards are printed the schools will be contacted to distribute them.

Judy Braman: President: Brian Greig, Vice President: Barry Harbinson, Treasurer: Pat Loughery, Secretary

Rena and Marijke are working on contacting the teachers who have retire in the last 3 years but have not joined.

Newsletter – all information must be to Mary Ann by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Notice to be placed in each newsletter: Please keep in touch by updating any new contact information. For example changes in email, address, and phone number should be sent to Kathy Dalling 696-8668. This will insure your newsletter will not be interrupted

All Annual reports must be to Judy by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our membership will be asked to look on the website for reports for AGM

April newsletter will include a memorial beginning Nov. 2020 to present (29 names). Kathy will take care of this

April newsletter will include calendars for May and June

There will be a newsletter in June

Scholarship - report submitted. This included a interview with Ernestine Smith which will be included in the April Newsletter. Not many donations because of the Pandemic.

School Days Museum – This year they will be having Virtual tours <https://museum.nbta.ca>

Reflections – No interviews to report. A suggestion was made that a summary of all the things the branch has done to date be included, as well as display the new branch logo

Website – Nothing to report

Wellness – report submitted

Nominating – Barry needs names for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, director, scholarship, social, phone

Barry will include this list for the newsletter

Constitution - A group ( Constitution Review Committee ) was formed to discuss changes in the constitution. The group consists of Bob, Brian, Judy and Marg. They will meet at a later date. A notice will go into the newsletter that the changes will be placed on the website and if anyone needs to have a hard copy they can get in touch with Judy

AGM – this will occur on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 as a Zoom Meeting. Anyone who wants to join this meeting needs to let Barry know. Notice will appear in the Newsletter

### **New Business**

1. A motion was put forth by Brian and seconded by Kathy D that we will pay to maintain our own Zoom membership. Motion carried
2. Volunteer focus financial group – Bob has agreed to be involved. There are nine other people in the group to discuss financial matters affecting their adult children
3. We need a plan for the election at the AGM – show of hands will do

June 17<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting with the new president

Adjourned by Brian

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Patterson