



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

Minutes

February 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ took place on February 20, 2020 at River Cross Church with the president Judy Braman in the chair. Members present: Judy Braman, Bob Bonner, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling, Melody Hamm, Barry Harbinson, Ellen Palmer, Mary Ann Patterson, Dianne Stackhouse, Nancy Steele, Rose Theriault, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson. Regrets: Marijke Blok, Pat Dugay, Brian Greig, Pat Murray, Pat Roy.

AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Mary Ann Patterson and seconded by Barry Harbinson.

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Barry Harbinson and seconded by Marg Urquhart.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance (Feb. 19, 2020)	\$10,439.66
Uncleared cheques	\$608.36
Current Balance	\$9831.30
Total Assets	\$29,155.61

The revised budget includes \$300 not \$150 for the annual retirement dinner due to the changed year end date.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Request for a heading giving the date of the minutes.

H.O.P.E. centre name was corrected.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Nil report

MEMBERSHIP

There are 597 members. Three retired members passed away since the last report.

A special mid-March newsletter will be mailed out to 150 members with information about the NBSRT provincial election and information for online registration to vote in the election. Also there will be details about the AGM being held in Saint John from May 5 – 6.

SOCIAL

March 12 – Games Day at Parkland Retirement Living. A reminder will be sent out at the end of February.

May 21 -The spring AGM luncheon at the H.O.P.E. Centre will be a turkey dinner. Arrangements have been set in place. Information about both these events was published in the January newsletter.

For a future Christmas social other locations were suggested for the social committee to investigate. Parkland, the McGuire Centre, the former Holy Trinity and Cornerstone churches, now The Rockland and The Cornerstone.

AWARDS

The names of four individuals receiving awards will be announced at the May AGM on May 21.

CARDS

Three cards were sent. (2 Sympathy- Rowena Grant, Bob Metcalfe; 1 get well, Brian Greig)

TELEPHONE

In the process of updating information.

PUBLICITY

Information for the special newsletter about the NBSRT provincial election and the provincial AGM is to be sent to Mary Ann Patterson by March 11. Please send the information using the Arial font, size 14 for headings, and size 12 for text.

Barry Harbinson, one of our branch members, is running in the election. Full biography information about all the candidates will be available at the election sites.

Peel and stick - March 18

REFLECTIONS

Kathy Wilson has written a 2 part article about the Little Red Schoolhouse, its history, move to Saint John and its latest location. She circulated pictures of the school that were on display at the Heritage Fair at Market Square on February 15, 2020. Kathy asked for names of any retired teachers she might profile for Reflections in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP - Nil report

SCHOOL DAYS - Nil report

WEB PAGE - Nil report

WELLNESS

Two free nutrition sessions for retirees are planned at Sobeys West.

March 31 - Canada's Food Guide and tour of the store. 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

May 12 – Cooking for 1 or 2 people. 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

The first 12 people to call will be accepted. To confirm your spot call Jennifer at 633-7787 or jennifer.myles-ingersoll@sobeys.com

2020 AGM Planning

A budget will be set at the AGM planning meeting on Thursday, February 27.

NEW BUSINESS

A recommendation to budget \$1,000 to support local members planning to attend the 2020 AGM who register by March 31, 2020 was moved by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Nancy Steele. Carried. The members will be reimbursed at the AGM.

NBSRTSJ provincial election plans: Parkland and Carleton Curling Club will be investigated as possible voting sites in Saint John. Voting dates haven't been finalized. Barry Harbinson noted that new initiative grants to highlight the provincial association are available. This might help us plan an activity in conjunction with voting to encourage a better voter turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Netta Chase.

Get well Brian!

Respectfully submitted,

Netta Chase