



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

Saint John Branch

Minutes

Thursday June 4, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

The monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held by Zoom on June 4, 2020 with President Judy Braman in the chair. Judy called the meeting to order at 10:07. Members in attendance included Barry Harbinson, MaryAnn Patterson, Brian Greig, Kathy Dalling, Nancy Steele, Rose Theriault, Marg Urquhart, Bob Bonner, Netta Chase, Patricia Murray and Pat Loughery, Kathy Wilson.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Marg and seconded by Mary Ann.

The minutes of the May 21 meeting were accepted on a motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Marg.

CHANGES TO PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTION

Following discussion on the topic, it was decided Saint John voting delegates would vote as they saw fit at the AGM once all changes were fully explained.

RESOLUTIONS FROM MONCTON BRANCH

The following discussions took places on the resolutions submitted by the Moncton Branch:

1. Be it resolved that the rebate of membership dues to local branches be increased from 33 1/3% to 50% of NBSRT dues.
 - 1) With fewer activities this year, less money would be required
 - 2) If the motion were to pass, it would warrant an increase in dues which could result in a decrease in membership
 - 3) The invested funds would be affected by the passing of this motion
 - 4) The Provincial body is already attempting to provide funding for an increase in enrolment, participation, and satisfaction of the membership to the tune of \$12,000.00 as well as additional grants to local branches.

2. Be it resolved that an extensive cross-reference review of the expenditures in all areas since 2016 be undertaken to limit and /or eliminate expenditures in order to bring in balanced budgets moving forward.
 - 1) The Federal Government dictates our annual surplus. With any budget, it is done on a yearly basis. Perhaps individual committees should be examined not the entire budget.

- 2) #3Whereas insinuates the provincial body did not thoroughly investigate costs prior to the establishment of new committees and this is not totally true.
- 3) Was there any thought of each committee having a member of the Executive sit on each committee and determining the cost this would involve? Marg informed the meeting the President is an Ad Hoc member of all committees. Therefore, having a member sit on each committee would be no different than the President attending.
- 4) MaryAnn suggested looking into the possibility of using Zoom for meetings.

Following the discussion it was decided, Saint John delegates will vote as they see fit at the AGM.

CONTACTING RETIRING TEACHERS

Discussion took place on methods to be used to contact teachers who would be retiring this school year. Barry suggested using the NBTA emails as these would still be valid.

Marg suggested contacting the President of the local branch in order to obtain an updated list.

NEWSLETTER

Discussion took place on material to be included in the upcoming Newsletter in an attempt to keep our members informed.

Judy suggested all committee chairs include a report similar to what would have been given at the AGM. She requested these reports be sent to her by June 18th and she will compile them and forward them to Mary Ann.

A request for the names of any teachers retiring this year be sent to Judy.

Members to be informed meetings have been held by Zoom during the Covid19 restrictions and consideration has been given to possible activities that would meet the government requirements in the future.

CARDS

A card will be sent to Jean Cameron who is presently in hospital.

Marg informed the meeting she would be willing to host the annual outing at her summer residence if government regulations allow later in the summer.

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be determined as required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Loughery
(Secretary)