



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

Minutes

October 8, 2020

The October monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ took place on October 8, 2020 by Zoom with the president Judy Braman in the chair. Members present: Judy Braman, Bob Bonner, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling, Barry Harbinson, Ellen Palmer, Mary Ann Patterson, Rose Theriault, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson. Marijke Blok Regrets:, , Brian Greig, Pat Murray, Pat Loughery, Nancy Steele, Dianne Stackhouse., Melody Hamm.

The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Rose Theriault and seconded by Bob Bonner

The minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Barry Harbinson and seconded by Marg Urquhart.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We spent \$3.95 in bank fees the month of September

The Telephone Report, Membership Report and Wellness Report were accepted as circulated Mary Ann asked that the 2 remaining Sisters who receive their Newsletter be added to our postal mailing list. (in the past the Newsletters were hand delivered to the Sisters) (There are 6 Sisters who are Members)

Netta Reported that the two Scholarship recipients have been determined as Brady Rynes, 2nd year Education and David Irish 1st year Science. More information will follow and we will post in our newsletter and look into the local newspaper.

There was considerable discussion on new retirees and how we can recruit them into our Society of Retired Teachers. Such things as a dinner, letters of welcoming, discussion on what we can offer them, our local history as leaders and why they should join.

An ad hoc committee of Barry, Judy, Marg, Kathy, Ellen, Marijke and Mary Ann will pursue how to contact them. Marijke will look into accessing their nbed accounts if still active.

A suggestion of a virtual Wine and Cheese, for present members was well received and we will plan one for December.

As we are unable to do a lot physically for our membership it was decided to send out more emails with key newsletters being mailed to the 149 without email

We discussed those who were alone and will ask if anyone wants phone call checks or chats.

It was decided to provide a list of good books to read.... Send ideas to Marg who will prepare for newsletter.

Rose will prepare a calendar which will list things that teachers could do safely. She will send around to committee for feedback.. Please give her any ideas that you have. Bird watching, hikes etc. Got pictures? send them along, may not get in Newsletter but can go on website. We will send ideas and tips to Mary Ann by November 1st for a November 4th send out of local news and ideas.

After several provincial meetings we will update membership of provincial happenings and further ideas for our members. The virtual wine and cheese invite will be extended and Barry will handle setting up zoom for those interested.

2nd Newsletter will go to Mary Ann by December 1st with December 4th as send out date.

2021 is an election year for us so please start thinking about younger teachers that we worked with that we can recruit on to committees who can lead us in the future.

Barry moved to adjourn at 11. 42.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Braman
For Pat Loughery)