

Meeting – NBSRT Saint John- Minutes
February 28th 2019 10:00 AM
River Cross Church

Present: Judy Braman, Brian Grieg, Nancy Steele, Pat Murray, Ellen Palmer, Netta Chase, Kathy Wilson, Marijke Blok, Brian Bonner, Marilyn McLeod, Marg Urquhart, Robert Taylor

Absent with Regrets: Barry Harbinson, Kathy Dalling, Pat Loughery, Pat Duguay, Pat Roy, Mary Ann Patterson, Melody Hamm, Dianne Stackhouse, Debbie McLaggan

Motion to approve agenda – Ellen P; seconded Brian G

Financial Report:

Robert circulated the Financial Report from the October Fall Luncheon to the present. He noted that both the Fall Luncheon and Christmas Dinner showed an additional loss of approximately \$200 more than was budgeted for.

Financial Report was approved as presented. \$9744.72 on hand Feb. 21, 2019

Nancy presented a cheque for \$600 for Wellness from Provincial Association, to be deposited.

Awards Committee: Bob B. had nothing to report.

Cards Committee: Marijke reported that a second card had been sent to Mary Ann Patterson and a sympathy card to Paul and Laurene Holder.

Additional names were suggested for cards of various types.

Discussion ensued about sending cards to non-members. The consensus was that we would attempt to send cards whenever we know of a particular life event. Marg suggested we put something in the newsletter reminding members that we are happy to send cards **when we are notified**.

Membership Committee: Kathy D. sent her regrets; she reported a total membership of 599.

Constitution and By-Laws: submissions to be made to Bob for the AGM in May.

Newsletter: Pat M. reported on two newsletter delivery issues, which have since been resolved. Next deadline is April 25th, with Peel and Stick taking place on May 1st.

Nominating Committee: no report - Barry H. was absent with regrets.

Reflections: Kathy W. is working towards the submissions deadline of May 1st.

May AGM: Robert asked how we would disseminate info. Judy wondered if we should be sending out the link for info. Marg pointed out that the info is available on the provincial website. Ellen will place a link on our website, to the provincial website, for registration, hotels, etc.

Scholarships: Netta has new info for the website for the two scholarships. She added that Marion Williams from UNBSJ is willing to make a presentation on the scholarship process, to anyone interested.

School Days Museum: no report

Social: Reminder that St Pat's Games Day is March 14th 12:30 till 3:30 at Assumption.

Telephone Committee: Marg received an updated list from Kathy Dalling; there are 160 members who do not have email. She wondered if they should be called for the Group Insurance event. The consensus was "yes."

Website: Ellen P. will update website to reflect today's discussion. She explained that to get a membership card/number to access the provincial website, members should contact Dale McRae.

Wellness: Marilyn reported that as of this AM, 43 were registered. She advised that costs will include rental of Portland United and refreshments. There was discussion on the similarities between wellness and social. It was recognized that Social has a lot on their plate and that Wellness needs to remain a separate committee. Many commented on the need to include younger, more recent retirees on the committees and in the membership.

Old Business: none

New Business:

ACER CART petition to protect pensions. Marg outlined ACER CART concerns: Pharmacare; senior citizen strategies; provincial/territorial health care accords; pension and income security. She urged us to encourage members to sign the petition.

Judy suggested that we pay for an advertisement in the Provincial newspaper, to reach all teachers, retired or working. Nancy mentioned the deadline is April 9th. Brian G. raised the question of cost. Marijke suggested, to save costs and expedite the process, that Judy as president could write a letter to the Editor of the Provincial Telegraph Journal. Nancy recommended that we: email members; place notice of the petition on our FB pages; have Judy write the letter to the Editor with help from Brian.

Milk Fund: Robert moved that we donate \$500 to the Saint John Schools Milk Fund. This was seconded by Brian G. and passed unanimously.

Coordination of Dates for Provincial and Local Meetings: Judy would like to have the dates for Provincial meetings by September 1st, to avoid scheduling conflicts with our local meetings. Marg suggested that we take a Branch Resolution to the Provincial AGM. She explained there is a form on the website; deadline is March 15th. Moved by Brian G. and seconded by Ellen. Judy and Brian will prepare a resolution and send it to us by email for approval.

Brian Greig moved for adjournment.

Email Motion moved by Brian Greig/Marijke Blok that we send the following Resolution to Provincial AGM...

NBSRTSJ Proposed Resolution for 2019

March 2, 2019 Approved by NBSRTSJ

Provide Branches of NBSRT with a Provincial Schedule of monthly meetings and event dates.

Whereas many provincial committee members are also active at their Branch level and it is important for continuity and input that they attend both meetings, to avoid further conflicts....

Be It Resolved that NBSRT post (on the provincial website) their Monthly and Annual Event dates prior to August 15th each year.

Motion Carried

Amendment to Proposed resolution: Kathy Dalling/Brian Greig

Be it resolved that NBSRT post on the provincial website) **the year's schedule** of Monthly meetings and Annual Events prior to August 15th each year.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marijke Blok

(for Pat Loughery)