



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

Saint John Branch

January 19, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held on January 19, 2017 with the President Barry Harbinson in the chair. Those in attendance included Judy Braman, Gerry Mabey, Pat Dugay, Ellen Palmer, Mary Ann Patterson, Nancy Steele, Robert Taylor, Larry McPhee, Brian Greig, Netta Chase, Kathy Dalling and Pat Loughery. Regrets: Jean Cameron, Bill Mahaffy, Norma Murphy, Pat Roy, John Sheehan, Kathy Wilson and Marg Urquhart.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 10:05.

The agenda was accepted as circulated on a motion by Larry McPhee and seconded by Nancy Steele.

The minutes from the November meeting were accepted on a motion by Judy Braman and seconded by Gerry Mabey.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Taylor presented a report covering the income and expenses covering the period from October 1 to December 31, 2016. Closing bank balance was \$8,863.52.

The report was accepted on a motion by Robert Taylor and seconded by Pat Dugay.

Business Arising From Minutes

Wellness: The curling and card party night will be amended to read members and guests with the time being 6 to 10:00. The grant has not yet been received but it was submitted the end of September.

Nominations: Marg Urquhart has not yet heard back from everyone regarding their intentions for next year. Members are asked to get back to Marg.

Biennial Meeting

Robert Taylor informed the meeting that funding for the last meeting held in Grand Falls amounted to \$120.00 per driver and \$70.00 for each passenger. He moved these amounts be increased to \$150.00 and \$85.00 to support anyone attending from our Branch to a maximum of \$1500.00. Seconded by Judy Braman. Motion carried.

Kathy Dalling stated she was concerned with the fact the term for President of the NBSRT was for one two year term only. Lengthy discussion followed with pros and cons discussed.

TASK

It was moved by Kathy Dalling and seconded by Nancy Steele that Barry send a motion from the Saint John Branch regarding the position of President.

Due to the learning curve involved, the position of the President of NBSRT should be open for a second two year term on a competitive basis with the President serving no more than two consecutive terms. Motion carried.

It was moved by Judy Braman and seconded by Brian Greig that expenses incurred by members of NBSRTSJ be matched by those of the NBSRT. Carried

Barry will include a note in the newsletter regarding attendance at the Biennial to be held in the Miramichi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIRECTORS

Barry Harbinson, President: Gerry Mabey, Vice President: Robert Taylor, Treasurer: Pat Loughery, Secretary

Nancy Steele informed the meeting the Curling/Cards/ Socializing Night will be held at Carleton Curling Club on March 25 from 6 to 10 o'clock. The first fifteen members to register will receive a drink ticket. Nancy stated the number of Directors meetings has decreased. Kathy Dalling questioned how many of the Branches have both a President and Directors. Judy Braman was able to provide that information.

TASK

Barry will send an email to Marg questioning why the Directors only meet in the Fall and Spring.

Membership

Kathy stated there are 596 members in total. Of this number 397 have emails and receive the newsletters electronically. We will be mailing out 183 newsletters this month.

SOCIAL

Pat Dugay stated the Card Party will be held March 16 at the Assumption Centre from 1 to 4 at a cost of \$10.00. Register with Norma Murphy.

The Spring Luncheon will be held at the Hope Centre at a cost of \$20.00. Register with Laura Wheaton.

The Drop Out Lunch will be at the Assumption Centre and please register with Anne Levasseur.

Awards

Nominations for Awards should be directed to Judy Braman by March 31.

TELEPHONE

Nil

NEWSLETTER

Brian will require 183 copies of the newsletter for the Lick and Stick next Thursday. Submissions for the newsletter are due by Sunday evening.

MUSEUM

Norma Murphy and Pat Dugay will not be reoffering next term.

SCHOLARSHIP

Netta said the information regarding the recipient of the scholarship will be included in the January newsletter. She also requested a Memorial Donation for Shirley Dysart be made to the Scholarship Fund.

WEBSITE

The website is being updated according to Ellen Palmer. Members of the committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks.

WELLNESS

Judy Braman stated the organizing committee of the proposed drama group will be meeting soon. More information to follow in the newsletter. It was moved by Larry McPhee and seconded by Nancy Steele \$200.00 be given as start-up money. Motion carried.

NOMINATING

Marg Urquhart is still waiting to hear from some members and is requesting they contact her as soon as possible with their intentions. Gerry Mabey informed the meeting he will not be offering his name as a candidate for President due to ill health. However, he does wish to continue to contribute to our organization and he is more than willing to serve as a volunteer in any capacity he feels capable of fulfilling. Barry thanked Gerry for his service and suggested that perhaps a special ex officio position could be created so we can tap into his expertise.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Dalling is very concerned with the increase in health insurance charges in various categories. She is seeking information so she can create a chart comparing the various tiers and categories. Kathy will send another e-mail to Johnson requesting the information she requires to update the website in regards to our health insurance.

TASK

Should the Chairperson of the Group Insurance not hear from Dale Weldon by February 1st in regards to the increased premiums by tiers and categories, a formal request for this information will be made to the Provincial Executive.

It was noted by Robert the March meeting date conflicts with the planned card party. Therefore the meeting date shall be March 2.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Greig.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery
(Secretary)