

Meeting – NBSRT Saint John
November 21st, 2019 10:00 AM
River Cross Church

Present: Judy Braman, Brian Grieg, Dianne Stackhouse, Melody Hamm, Nancy Steele, Rose Theriault, Pat Murray, Ellen Palmer, Netta Chase, Pat Dugay, Marijke Blok, Bob Bonner, Marg Urquhart, Barry Harbinson, Kathy Wilson

Absent with Regrets: Kathy Dalling, Pat Loughery, Pat Roy

Brian)Opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Motion to approve agenda – Nancy; seconded Mary Ann.

Judy arrived and assumed the chair. “Judy, your hair looks great!” ☺

The **minutes from the October** meeting were amended, as proposed by Netta Chase, to read “scholarship **winners** will be **announced.**” Moved by Netta; seconded by Marg. Approved as amended.

Financial Report:

Barry circulated the Financial Report:

Current balance:	10, 070.84
Outstanding cheques:	809.58
Additional Revenue Games Day:	692.00

Financial Report was approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes: none

Directors’ Reports:

Membership Committee: Kathy D. sent her regrets; she reported a total membership of 601. Marg commented that province-wide, we are just shy of 2800.

Social Committee: Pat D. Reported on the Christmas event. She and Pat R. met with the lady at RKYC. Pat presented the menu and costs - \$2315, all included. The rental is \$250. Judy thanked the committee for their efforts, recognizing how much work was involved.

Date is December 4, 2019. After some discussion, ticket prices were set at \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Awards Committee: Bob B. had read the list of those who have been honoured. Two names were suggested for this year: Robert Taylor and Pat Roy..

Cards Committee: Marijke reported that a card had been sent to Sandy Campbell: Cards were requested for Elaine O’Leary (sympathy) Judy Lawton (sympathy) and Gerry White (get well).

Publicity Committee: Mary Ann reported that call lists have been updated to September. Only 2 newsletters were returned; she gave those names to Kathy Dalling. Judy mentioned it might be an idea to organize a membership drive.

Reflections: Kathy W reported that she had sufficient submissions for the coming edition.

Scholarships: Netta thanked Heather Toole for representing us and Barry for taking photos at the luncheon. She presented the scholarship recipients, along with the funding report. She explained that students do not apply specifically for our scholarships, but apply for the general scholarships and are selected based on eligibility.

Marg suggested that we make it known in a bigger way that memorial donations may be made to the scholarship committee.

Barry suggested that Netta publicize the two provincial NBSRT scholarships which are now available. Nancy mentioned that it would be good to let students know that NBCC and other colleges are also eligible institutions.

Judy recommended that we send out reminders to our email list.

School Days Museum: Dianne said they are finding, because of space limitations, the museum is accepting fewer items. Judy suggested we promote the museum for school excursions. Marg asked if we could have a display from the museum for our AGM.

Website: Ellen attended the Provincial website meeting. They are still looking for a picture of our executive. A new feature on their website is called "Spotlight," which will have pictures and/or articles about teacher interests. She enquired about a McAdam station trip, which is currently on the Provincial website. Brian confirmed that this was **not** sponsored by our local NBSRT.

Wellness: Nancy reported that she and Rose were unable to attend the Provincial meeting but have asked for info to be sent.

Barry asked if we would be applying for a Provincial Wellness grant. **The deadline is December 31st, 2019.**

Pat D. enquired if a McAdam/St. Stephen train trip might be a good wellness activity. Barry responded that it would be too late for this year but a possibility for next year.

Dianne suggested that an NB Southern Railway trip might be a possibility. Mary Ann researched the prices online. Barry suggested that we combine with another branch, to subsidize costs.

Mary Ann provided contact information for the McAdam Christmas event.

Nancy suggested that we repeat the sugar bush trip in the Spring.

Marg reported on some highlights of the Provincial Wellness meeting.

AGM Planning Committee: Barry reported that there will be a meeting next week (November 28th). The registration form is pretty well finalized. He congratulated the committee, especially Cathy, for their diligence. The form will go public once **Reflections** is released.

Old Business: none

New Business:

2020 Provincial Elections: Judy spoke to King's County about voting locations, to make the process easier and more effective. Marg suggested having an event/function, where people could vote.

Provincial Presidents' Meeting: Judy suggested that carpooling is an idea we may want to pursue.

Deadlines: Marg reported on the following deadlines:

December 1st: Branch nominees for lifetime memberships are due.

January 15th: first round nominations will be released.

March 15th: Branch resolutions are due.

Next meeting will be January 16th,

Brian Greig moved for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marijke Blok ?????