



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

MINUTES January 18, 2018

The January Meeting of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers - Saint John Branch was called to order at 10:00 on January 18, 2018 with the President Judith Braman in the chair. Those in attendance included, Netta Chase, Ellen Palmer, Brian Greig, Barry Harbinson, Mary Ann Patterson, Robert Taylor, Debbie McLaggan, Marilyn Lester, Nancy Steele and Judy Braman. Regrets were received from Jean Cameron, Melody Hamm, Dianne Stackhouse, Kathy Dalling, Pat Dugay, Pat Loughery, Pat Roy, Marg Urquhart, Kathy Wilson, Pat Murray, and Bob Bonner.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brian Greig and seconded by Nancy Steele. **Motion carried**

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 16, 2017 was made by Nancy Steele and seconded by Netta Chase. **Motion carried**

Treasurer's Report: No formal report presented by the Treasurer but he indicated the Christmas Social registrations amounted to \$1,200.00. Expenditures for this event were \$1,235.00 for food and \$330.00 for beverages.

Current balance in account is approximately \$12,500.00

A membership cheque was received from the NBSRT for \$1,758 for our membership of 586 members

Director's Report: ELECTION/NOMINATIONS for the NBSRT: The first round of nominations for Executive members ends January 31st. The initial list of nominees will be distributed by February 15th. A second round of nominations closes March 1st. This new process ensures every branch has the opportunity to identify potential leaders for 2018 - 2020. The final slate will be presented by March 10th. Contact Past - President Betty Smith at bettyasmith@me.com for nominations.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS: Branch Resolutions allow you to provide direction to the provincial association. Should your branch wish to submit resolutions they can

be forwarded to President Marg Urquhart at kimlin@nbnet.nb.ca. They are due by March 15th. (The form can be found on our webpage under the Resources tab.)

NBTF BUILDING ROOM: The tentative date for dedicating a room to the NBSRT is February 16th.

MAY AGM DOOR PRIZES: Each branch is asked to contribute one door prize (value \$15/\$20). In keeping with the theme of “Celebrate New Brunswick”, the item should reflect the communities in which you are located.

A recommendation was made for our district to provide a gift card to the East Coast Bistro as our contribution.

Registration for the AGM is now available online and will be held May 1 & 2. Discussion will be held at February meeting to discuss support for local attendance. **Action to be taken in February**

Membership: No report

Social Committee: Christmas Social a big success...great turn out of people lots of fun and great food!

Next two events are booked and plans underway.

March 15th Games Day at the Assumption Centre 1 - 4 pm will have a “St. Patrick’s Day” Theme ...the committee decided to raise the cost of this event in order to accommodate the demand for increased catering.

AGM Luncheon booked for May 17th will be at the HOPE Centre ..\$20 for a turkey dinner. Please let me know if anything in the way of media or accommodations are needed for “guest” speakers etc..

The notices for both these events have been sent to Mary Ann and Ellen for publication.

The Social Committee will be meeting next Thursday...please feel free to send me any comments, concerns or ideas and I will include them in our agenda.

Awards: No report

Cards: No report

Telephone Committee: The committee’s mandate is to call members who do not have email when, between newsletters, subjects come up for your consideration. These calls would, for example, be about pension, group insurance and special presentations on specific topics. Should you not wish to receive these calls, please contact Marg (633-9692) by February 20th, 2018.

Publicity/Newsletter: Reminder that any information you would like to appear in the January Newsletter must be submitted by January 23rd. Please use Word and the font size of 12.

Scholarship: The NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship is awarded to a student who is graduating from Saint John High School, St. Malachy's Memorial High School, Harbour View High School, or Simonds High School and is beginning an

undergraduate degree at UNBSJ. Selection is based on academic achievement and financial need. The 2017-18 recipient, Rylee A Kinsella, is a graduate of Simond's High School. She is in the 1st year Bachelor of Science program, and she received a \$2,500 scholarship.

Each year we learn the name of the scholarship winner in late September/early October. Also at that time we receive a financial summary for the scholarship fund. The latest financial summary covered May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017. The balance as of April 30, 2017 was \$76,145.89.

At the November meeting I said we could consider offering two scholarships at approximately \$1500, or leave the scholarship as is. (The next scholarship recipient might receive up to \$3,000.)

It was suggested that we should leave the scholarship as is for 2018-19, but look at giving two scholarships for 2019-2020, one for a 1st year student and another for a continuing student. Hopefully we will have more investment income because recently we received a bequest of approx. \$25,000 thanks to the kindness and generosity of Carol Harris Raynes.

Motion: To create a second scholarship, starting in 2019-20, in memory of Carol Harris Raynes. This scholarship would be awarded to a student enrolled in the Faculty of Education at UNBSJ who has successfully completed his or her first year of university at UNBSJ. Moved by Brian Greig, seconded by Ellen Palmer. Carried.

Action. Netta to be in contact with the Scholarship Committee at UNBSJ to make the necessary arrangements.

School Days Museum: The School Days museum is looking for 1950s toys such as view masters, dolls, etc as well as clothing from the same period. They are trying to put together a display from this period. You can donate or loan by contacting **Dianne Stackhouse at 738-2657 (diannestackhouse@rogers.com)** Or **Melody Hamm at 738-3244 (melody.hamm@bellaliant.net)**

Wellness: On November 21st, a committee member attended the Provincial Wellness Committee Meeting. Representatives at the meeting shared what was happening in their areas and a guest speaker provided information on Environmental Wellness. Materials looking at wellness themes were also explored.

The committee will meet again in the spring.

On Dec 28th, Marilyn and Debbie met and filled out an application for a Provincial Wellness Committee Grant to plan an environmental wellness event at a Maple Sugar Bush (Elmhurst Outdoors in Erbs Cove).

The committee will meet on January 25th to plan events for the spring.

New Business: As an incentive to encourage more of our members to attend events hosted by the NBSRT SJ a motion was made for events hosted in 2018 to have the following monetary caps: Card Games \$10.00, Drop Out Brunch \$10.00 and the Fall and Spring luncheons \$15.00. The feasibility of continuing this practice will be analyzed in 2019. Moved by Mary Ann Patterson, seconded by Robert Taylor. Carried.

Action. President to notify Social committee of this motion so any corrections can be made to advertised events.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brian Greig

Respectfully submitted by Barry Harbinson for Pat Loughery

Amended and approved February 15, 2018