



# **New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch**

November 12, 2020

A zoom meeting of the Executive NBSRTSJ was held on November 12, 2020 with the President Judy Braman in the Chair. Those in attendance included Judy, Barry Harbinson, Ellen Palmer, Marg Urquhart, Pat Murray, Marijke Blok, Nancy Steele, Bob Bonner, Netta Chase and Pat Loughery.

Regrets were received from Brian Greig, Kathy Dalling, Mary Ann Patterson and Rose Theriault.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Marg and seconded by Pat M.

Barry informed the meeting the account presently stands at \$13828.10

An Ad Hoc Committee has contacted 21 of the 24 recently retired teachers in regards to having them join the organization. Bob Fitzpatrick will include a brochure in the next Vescor communique. Provincially we have lost 39 members. Locally our numbers have stayed about the same as last month at 574. Bob's email requested the name of our branch membership chair in an attempt to increase membership. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet and suggest a name.

In regards to our pension, the NBSRT is asking the Pension Trustees to have an annual meeting open to teachers and retirees.

Mary Ann's report stated 135 Newsletters were sent out at a cost of \$431.57 due to the increase in the number of pages. In regards to the NBSRT website, Judy has some concerns. She will email Dale McRae regarding them. Ellen will send some pictures to Dale to be posted.

Netta informed us that letters were received from scholarship winners and they have been printed on our website and information regarding the winners will be included in the Newsletter. Marg suggested pictures should be sent to the Telegraph.

The Telephone Committee recommended a notice be included on the top of the Newsletter requesting any changes in information be forwarded to Kathy Dalling. Kathy will be asked to determine the content of the notice.

The wellness calendar for the month of December has been sent out by Rose. There was a suggestion for a Virtual Wine and Cheese Party to be held on December 16 with registration deadline set for December 15. Entertainment by Ellen and her group would take place. Gift cards from local merchants will be purchased to be used for draws throughout the evening. It was moved by Nancy and seconded by Marg that 10 cards @ \$25.00, 1 card @\$100.00 be purchased for the draws. It was also moved by Pat M. and seconded by Barry that 1 card @

50.00 from NBLCC be purchased for the best cheese recipe. These plans will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Ellen informed the meeting that the front page of the local website has been changed. A slide show has been included along with Rose's calendar and a letter to retirees. Anything else to be included should be sent to Ellen.

After some discussion, it was decided cards will continue to be sent to all retirees as a good will gesture.

The Newsletter should include a report from each of the committees. There is a possibility of Virtual meetings to be held in February and March. We will ask for suggestions of topics to be included. Information on the upcoming Wine and Cheese will also be included.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Pat M.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)