



The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ took place by Zoom on October 21, 2021 with the President Brian Greig in the chair. Members present included Barry Harbinson, Judy Bramen, Ellen Palmer, Frances Butler, Kathy Dalling, Rose Theriault, Marijke Blok and Kathy Wilson. Regrets were received from Susanne Sutton, Mary Ann Patterson, Pat Murray, Melody Hamm and Dianne Stackhouse.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Judy and seconded by Kathy D. following the addition of Membership information. The minutes were accepted as circulated on a motion by Ellen and seconded by Frances.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - There has been no further action on the vacant positions on the Board. The President has sent a letter and gift card to new members who retired in 2020 and 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry informed the meeting our balance is \$21,976.50 with no outstanding cheques or additional income. He did state it will be necessary to purchase stamps, envelopes and gift cards.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE - Bob informed the meeting of two concerns resulting from meetings of this committee:

The definition of the term membership – we should be using the term general membership.

Transition of Committee Chairs regarding duties and responsibilities – this should be done through a meeting of the outgoing and incoming chair. It would be a good idea if committee chairs would set up a document outlining their duties and responsibilities. This would not be part of the Constitution but would be of help to the incoming Chair. Bylaws can be changed through a ratification by the general membership at the AGM. It was moved by Barry and seconded by Rose this be tabled until after the Constitution Committee has met again. Motion carried

SCHOLARSHIP - There is a balance of \$149,583.96. Two scholarships valued at \$2000.00 each were awarded. Recipients were Matthew Peterson from Saint Malachy's who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science and Blake Allen from Saint John High who is enrolled in the Arts/Education program. A Thank you note was received from Matthew.

DIRECTORS – Nil report

CARDS – Five cards sent this month.

NEWSLETTER – Will be sent out on November 15 and the deadline for articles will be November 8th.

MEMBERSHIP DUES SECRETARY- Kathy reported we do not have any new members since September. Of the 24 retirees from 2021, four have joined for a total of 563 members. Of these members 430 have emails, 132 no emails, 113 receive newsletters by mail. We have 16 members with no information available.

WELLNESS -Rose has a grant form she is filling out which requires the total number which she now has. (563) Any feedback or comments should be emailed to Rose. The meeting was informed the Provincial Wellness Committee is very impressed with everything Rose has been doing. Bob Fitzpatrick stated Branches should have a Media Personal which our Branch has in place with Ellen Palmer. Any suggestions for the monthly calendars should also be sent to Rose.

Frances will meet with the President of the local NBTA to discuss ways to attempt to increase our membership. Hopefully when the pandemic is over we can have some type of celebration and work on increasing membership.

SOCIAL – Presently in a holding pattern due to the pandemic. It was moved and seconded by Barry and Ellen that a virtual Christmas Social be held on December 8th at 7:00 PM. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS – Brian Gave a summary of the NBTPP'S First Annual Online Information Meeting which was held on October 13,2021 by VestCor.

Judy questioned whether membership in retired teacher organizations is mandatory anywhere in Canada. Following a discussion, it was moved by Judy and seconded by Frances to have Brian write to NBSRT President to clarify the process used to have all retired teachers as members of the retired teachers organization. Carried.

NEXT MEETING - November 18,2021

ADJOURNMENT – Barry

Respectfully submitted.

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)