



NBSRTSJ November 17, 2022

Executive Committee Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held by zoom on Nov. 17, 2022 with acting President Bob Bonner in the chair. Members attending included: Judy Braman, Marijke Blok, Frances Butler, Kathy Dalling, Barry Harbinson, Pat Murray, Ellen Palmer, MaryAnn Patterson, Margaret Urquhart.

Regrets: Brian Greig, Pat Loughery, Rose Theriault.

1. ***Call to order:*** Barry called the meeting to order until acting president Bob could join on zoom.

2. ***Business arising from the minutes of the September meeting:***

A. **Minutes ACTION ITEM:** Motion requesting receipt of meeting minutes within two weeks of the meeting being held. Moved: Margaret Seconded: Maryann

B. Margaret asked if Ernestine Smith was asked to attend the October luncheon to receive her recognition, and if other non-member retirees who did not attend the brunch were invited. Ernestine was not at the lunch.

Minutes ACTION ITEM: Ellen requested that the Secretary include ACTION ITEM notes in the minutes so that the parties involved are aware of what action is required.

Judy noted that the Membership Committee has worked diligently to reach nonmembers.

President ACTION ITEM: Margaret requested that the President invite Ernestine Smith to the AGM in May to receive her recognition and our thanks.

3. ***Treasurer's Report (Barry Harbinson):***

Current Balance 16,003.75 Total Balance \$46,259.13

4. ***Director's Report (Bob Bonner):***

A. Bob noted that the current Vestcor Newsletter is available. Barry mentioned that John Sinclair is willing to hold branch zoom meetings with retirees. Margaret asked for a definition of "Deferred Pensions" (retirees delaying receipt of pension due to age/service).

Barry ACTION ITEM: Barry will begin the process to set up a meeting for our ASD-S branch and John Sinclair for early in the new year.

B. Obituaries in Reflections: Bob was not able to discuss the length issue of obituaries at the provincial meeting, but Judy noted that she has had some discussion at her provincial meeting, and the provincial body is working on guidelines.

5. ***Committee Reports:***

Membership Data: Kathy noted that since Nov. 11, 2011, we have had 164 branch members pass away, however our numbers remain fairly consistent.

Membership: (Judy Braman)

- A. Judy and her committee have been working with the retiree lists since 2017 and contact with these retirees is very difficult. She will share the lists with committee chairs only (respecting privacy), in an attempt to reach out to these people personally.
- B. **Frances ACTION ITEM:** Frances will once again request assistance from the Local Branch VP, Terri Shipley, in submitting our information write-up to the weekly district newsletter, *Southern Exposure*, starting in January.
- C. Frances suggested we connect with active teachers by sponsoring a coffee/tea table at a NBTA Rep Meeting. Reps are important for communication among teachers and we can share our information through them, while also showing our support for their important role in schools.
Frances and Judy ACTION ITEM: Frances and Judy will consult on this and will bring information to the January executive meeting regarding Rep meeting dates and cost for the treats.

Social Committee: (Marijke Blok)

- A. General discussion about the rising cost of food for social events, and how we should address this issue for next year. Margaret felt we could include something in an upcoming newsletter about costs, and Barry noted that we are in good fiscal shape overall.

Financial ACTION ITEM: Barry suggests that starting with the next AGM, we should decide how much surplus will go into subsidizing events.

- B. Christmas Social December 1, 2022: SJ Marina, Chinese Buffet catered by Hilary Kierstead and the Marina, 6:30 pm, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members (actual cost approximately \$38), Ellen and Friends will provide musical entertainment. Registration deadline Nov. 25th.

Marijke and Kathy ACTION ITEM: Marijke will finalize Xmas Social information and will send it to Kathy for email distribution in the next few days.

Newsletter: (Maryann Patterson)

Maryann noted that 106 newsletters went out.

It was noted that we have an amazing list of Social and Wellness events in our Branch, and perhaps the combined calendar on the website can be included in the Newsletter.

January Meeting Executive ACTION ITEM: We will discuss the Newsletter at the January meeting in preparation for publication shortly thereafter.

Website: (Ellen Palmer)

Ellen attended the Provincial meeting and one item raised was branches sharing event information on the Provincial website calendar. Ellen has some concerns about repeating information, as we currently post to our branch website and Facebook. We could share our successes at the provincial meetings, for example. Bob mentioned that Dale McCrae would like to see the Provincial website utilized by more members, and has sent Bob a list of the sites to which our information can be shared.

Ellen ACTION ITEM: Ellen will send out information on an event from our branch to the provincial site a few times throughout the year.

Wellness: (Rose Theriault)

Rose sent in her report for the meeting. Ellen noted that Curling was cancelled due to low numbers. They are reviewing the numbers for bowling, and we will subsidize the bowlers if necessary.

MOTION: That \$200 - \$500 be used to support the Pottery Workshops over the next two years. **Moved: Rose Seconded: Judy**

6. *Adjournment:* 12:00 Moved by Barry, seconded by Judy

Respectfully Submitted
Frances Butler