

N. B. S. R. T. Bathurst Branch Meeting of Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Jocelyne Schwenger, president, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and then called the meeting to order. Twenty members were present. A moment of silence was observed in honour of departed members, departed family members, and the four Miramichi students tragically killed in a car accident. No additions were made to the agenda. It was moved by Anne Riordon and seconded by Mary Williamson that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 15, 2018, meeting were circulated. Elva Dempsey stated a correction - that six schools received a one hundred dollar donation for their Breakfast Clubs. Riba Riordon moved the acceptance of the minutes. Anatalie DeGrace seconded the motion which passed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Jeannine White moved and Don Crozier seconded the motion that the six schools that received a \$100. donation last year would receive the same amount for the 2019- 2020 school year.

Johanne Robbins moved and Helen Norton seconded the motion to make a two hundred dollar donation to the Milk Fund for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Bernice Gammon moved and Riba Riordon seconded the motion that the K. C. Irving Center be given a donation of two hundred dollars for the use of the Florence Roussy Room for our meetings. All three motions passed.

Jocelyne Schwenger gave an update on the Provincial "NBSRT AGM 2019" held May 7 and 8 at the Atlantic Host Inn in Bathurst. Many favourable comments were received, and a "thank you" was expressed to the committee members. A complete report on the event will be prepared for our October,

2019, business meeting. Saint John Branch will be hosting the NBSRT AGM 2020 in the spring.

Jocelyne Schwenger reported that the constitution only calls for an AGM. We usually also have a business meeting in October and a planning meeting in April.

The tentative schedule of events for Retired Teachers (Bathurst Branch) for 2019 – 2020 was discussed and includes-

September 10 – Breakfast and a visit to the Marine Center in Shippagan

October 1 – Business meeting and guest speaker – June MacNairn – NBSRT president

November 12 – Lunch and a visit to the War Museum

December 12 – Christmas luncheon

January 14, 2020 – Brewery tour and pizza

February 11, 2020 – Lunch (Chicken King and Chinese Palace) and games at the Heritage Museum

March 9, 2020 – Planning session

April 14, 2020 – Maple Sugar Restaurant

May 12, 2020 – AGM and Gardening Presentation

The meetings in the Florence Roussy Room will be at 9:00 A.M.

Other ideas for activities include: a presentation of Kevin Mann's play, a cooking lesson at Sobeys, and more winter activities.

CORRESPONDENCE-

A "thank you" letter for our donation to the milk fund for the 2018 – 2019 school year was received along with a request for a donation for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

A "thank you" certificate was received from the Spirit of Christmas Committee.

A “thank you” card was received from the staff of Terry Fox School for our donation to their breakfast Club.

Marian Humphrey (Provincial NBSRT Media) requested that each branch post the minutes of their business meetings on the provincial website.

We have been invited to attend a MARTA (Miramichi) activity in July – a pontoon boat ride on the Miramichi River. An email with more information will follow.

A “thank you” note was received from June MacNairn, president of the provincial NBSRT, for hosting the NBSRT AGM 2019.

A “thank you” note was received from Andy Clark, president of MARTA, thanking us for hosting the NBSRT AGM 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Elva Dempsey gave the treasurer’s report. A balance of \$9015.53 was reported. A full copy of the report was filed. Elva moved the adoption of the filed for audit report, and Edie Gammon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Provincial Director’s Report was given by Jocelyne Schwenger. She stated that Dale MacRae is the NBSRT provincial membership chair, and he can be reached at (macradar@gmail.com) for a membership number to access the members only section of the NBSRT website. She also gave updates on: the ACER/CART report from Margaret Urquhart; Vestcor CEO, John Sinclair’s presentation to the NBSRT AGM 2019; the proposed budget and constitution amendments; and that a full report of the provincial AGM will be ready for the October meeting. All other reports mentioned are available on the nbsrt.ca website in the members only section.

Anne Riordon gave the Provincial Wellness Report. Our Branch was represented at two of three provincial committee meetings since the 2018 AGM. The committee is working on a provincial plan for helping teachers transition into retirement. Wellness activities are printed in each edition of "Reflections" and were included at the NBSRT AGM 2019. Local level wellness activities were included in the report and fall into the seven dimensions of wellness. A \$600. Wellness Grant was received by our Branch to help with the wellness activities of our membership. The full report was filed.

Wayne Lord, chair of the Scholarship Committee, gave notice of a motion to change the awarding of the scholarships. He moved the stipulation that priority be given to candidates who are the descendents of teachers or retired teachers, before other candidates are considered. It will be voted on at the October, 2019, meeting.

The 50/50 draw for the meeting was looked after by Anne Riordon. Jeannine White will resume her duties when her health improves. Edie Gammon volunteered to look after this responsibility in the interim. A prize of \$17.00 was won by Helen Norton.

Branch Publisher – Anne Riordon presented the tentative schedule.

E-mail – Helinda Rae MacDonald was absent.

Social – Mary Williamson thanked those who have helped her with this responsibility. Judy Losier will be taking over this committee in September.

Benevolence Committee – Anatalie DeGrace reported that birthday cards are sent to members who are eighty and above. She also sends out sympathy cards, get well cards and thinking of you cards. Christmas cards are sent to shut - ins and the long term patients at the hospital are remembered with a Christmas gift from the membership. A request was made for an updated membership list, and for the membership to keep Anatalie up to date on special events, illnesses, deaths, etc. Gwen Sturgeon volunteered to help with this committee.

Branch Membership – notice of motion - change in policy for associate and social memberships was tabled until our October, 2019, meeting.

Nominating Committee – Bob Losier presented the following names :

President – Jocelyne Schwenger

Vice president – Anne Riordon

Secretary – Sharon Duncan

Treasurer – Elva Dempsey

Provincial directors – Jocelyne Schwenger and Anne Riordon –
(Alternates – Judy and Bob Losier)

Past President – Bernice Gammon

Archives – Helen Norton

Branch Publisher – Anne Riordon and Marie Grant

Email - Helinda Rae MacDonald

Scholarship Committee – Wayne Lord

Phone Committee – Mary Williamson

Social Committee – Judy Losier

Benevolence Committee – Anatalie DeGrace and Gwen
Sturgeon

Membership – Bob Losier

Riba Riordon moved that nominations cease and Don Crozier seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS –

The 2019 Retiring Teachers Banquet is scheduled for Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club on May 29, 2019. Teachers retiring are: Suzanne Bernier, Cindy Doucet, and Scott Ferguson. Tickets must be purchased by May 15, 2019, from NBTA School Reps.

Riba Riordon reported that retired teachers, Michael White and Albert Lavigne, are receiving Paul Harris Fellowship Awards on May 23, 2019, and she has tickets to sell for the event.

A picture of the executive for 2019 – 2020 was taken.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Bob Losier.

After the meeting, Judy Losier gave an excellent presentation on gardening. She also had a variety of plants that she gave to those in attendance.

Recorded by,

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