

Place: Chatham Legion Hall

Date: May 24, 2007

The President welcomed everyone at 11:10 am and commented on the large turn-out (94).

A Moment of Silence was held for teachers who have passed away since our last meeting:

Mamie Coughlan and **Betty Forrest**.

1. Opening Comments:

a. Reminders.

- i. Members may leave the meeting at any time
- ii. Check the MARTA Newsletter and the NBSRT website for dates
- iii. Ask questions at any time if clarity is needed

b. There are still some positions to be filled on the Board.

- i. We still need a Vice-president/President Elect for next term. Rosemarie Rigley will offer her name for VP if anyone would agree to take the Treasurer's position.
- ii. There is still no Secretary. In addition to being Social Chair, Cil has been taking minutes for two years.
- iii. Lynne LeClaire is stepping down as *Reflections* Chair with our thanks. What we really need is a Public relations person. Ideally, that person would keep our branch's information on the website up-to-date as well as look after *Reflections*. Perhaps two people would consider working together.
- iv. There are still people needed on the Social Committee to help Cil, especially on Games Afternoons.

2. Business Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Bill as Cil was still busy registering members.

a. Business Arising From the Minutes:

- i. Computer Workshop - Bill would like a specific number of members in order to approach someone about providing a site and providing instruction. A page was sent around for sign-up.
- ii. Point of Information - we will not be going back to the Wharf Inn for a dinner meeting. Upon paying the bill after last Fall's dinner meeting, there was an 18% service charge added. This had not been mentioned prior to our engaging the room and we let them know that we were not happy with that.

- iii. A letter was sent (and we received a reply) to Charlie Hubbard (MP) as per our last meeting re: income splitting for couples.
- iv. From the Fall meeting re: a Notice of Motion to have the Newsletter Editor made a member of the Board:

Moved by Faye Brophy and seconded by Kathy Patterson. Motion carried.

b. Correspondence:

A card was given to Jean Masterson, Lenore's daughter, in appreciation for her gift of a sleigh at Christmas for our fundraising efforts. Ms Masterson refused an honorarium this time, so we made a donation in her name to our scholarship fund.

c. Treasurer's Report:

See Board Meeting, Spring 2007 for a separate report.

d. Committee Reports:

Telephone Committee - Gena Skidd is traveling at this time, but she complimented all the committee workers. They did great jobs, and everyone got back to her on time. There are 94 of us here today.

Bill noted that there are still a few kinks with the new committee, but they will be addressed. For example, he noted that when we re-worked the membership lists of the committees, we had no way of knowing who was a "buddy" of the telephone caller. As a result, some do not know who your caller is, and the caller may not know everyone on his/her list. Therefore, members were asked to learn the name of the caller should they wish to contact that person.

No other committee reports were given.

3. Dinner Was Served

4. NBSRT Business:

- a. Regarding a Notice of Motion for the Fall Meeting of the NBSRT to have the MARTA President/Director vote "yes" on a dues increase to \$3.00 per month:

Moved by Dale MacRae and seconded by David Barker. Motion Carried.

- b. Group Insurance - a new formula has been advised by an actuary to the Group Insurance Trustees for a new contract with January 2008 as the target date. The Group Insurance Trustees sit on a Federation committee representing both English and French active and retired teachers.

Details may be seen on the NBSRT website at the following link:
<http://www.nbta.ca/nbsrt/GroupInsurance.htm>

There is also a recommendation re: coverage for couples as well as singles and families, as well as a recommendation to eliminate the \$50.00 deductible for the first claim. Travel medical insurance is included, and members are reminded to take the access telephone numbers with them when traveling.

c. Dates of Note were reviewed for the membership.

5. MARTA Business:

- a. The Treasurer will again send out letters to the 29 Local Members reminding them that dues are to be paid by the Fall Meeting.
- b. Letters have been written to imminent retirees from the area, and the District 16 Office has agreed to send them to the appropriate persons through the school mail.
- c. Regarding a motion that MARTA donate \$200.00 to the Miramichi Regional Hospital to help purchase a digital mammogram machine:

Moved by Michael Butler and seconded by Rosemarie Rigley. Motion Carried.

6. Nominating Committee:

Joan Jardine, a nominating committee of one, brought forth the following names to fill some of the positions on the MARTA Executive. The nominees were accepted by the membership.

President - Wendy Matthews

Vice-President - Maria Brown

Past President - Bill Rigley

Secretary - Laura Sherrard

Treasure - Rosemarie Rigley

7. Thanks:

Bill thanked Joan and then thanked other individual members of the MARTA Board.

Bill thanked the Legion Staff for the dinner preparations.

Meeting Adjourned.