

General Meeting (Fall 2007)

Place: Sunny Corner Lions Center

Date: October 18, 2007

President Wendy Matthews welcomed everyone and asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Brophy of Blackville and Mary MacDonald of Barnaby, who passed away since our last meeting.

1. Opening Comments:

The President gave a special welcome to new retirees and former members, and encouraged them to join us at future meetings and activities by taking out a membership.

Wendy drew attention to the Newsletter, a survey sheet, the Christmas Sale (Nov. 3), the Christmas pot luck (Dec. 11), and memorial card usage. After the discussion of the memorial card usage, it was moved by Mary Alice Ahern and seconded by Helen Jones that on the death of a MARTA member a donation of \$20 be made to the Scholarship Fund. **Motion Carried.**

2. Business Meeting:

Minutes of the May 24th meeting were read.

a. Business Arising From the Minutes:

Computer Day - no action to date

Dues - A dues increase to \$3 per month will be voted on at the April NBSRT meeting. Should it pass - implemented in September 2008

Website - The President called for volunteers for a representative for the provincial website. None came forward.

b. Correspondence:

A thank-you note from Jessica Taylor, the James M. Hill recipient of the 2007 Scholarship was read.

c. Treasurer's Report: (See Separate Treasurer's Report – Members Only Page)

Regular Fund Balance (as of Oct. 18, 2007)	\$ [REDACTED]
Scholarship Fund	\$ [REDACTED]
Investments	\$ [REDACTED]

TOTAL:

\$ [REDACTED]

The Treasurer's Report was moved by Rosemarie Rigley and seconded by Lenore Masterson. **Motion Carried.**

d. Committee Reports:

Social Committee - Cil Hickey reported that the Christmas Pot Luck would be held on Dec. 11 in Nelson. The Games Day noted in Newsletter.

Museum Committee - Joan Jardine - No Report

Reflections Committee - Lynn LeClair agreed to continue as contact person. Changes of address should be forwarded to her.

Calling Committee - Gena Skidd reported that the list of callers is in the Newsletter. Members should make themselves known to the callers. Only members of MARTA are called for dinner meetings. If a member's dues lapse, the name is removed from the caller's list.

Special Projects Committee - Lenore Masterson reported that the committee is reviewed in the Newsletter.

Newsletter Committee - Villa Urquhart reported on a correction in the date of the Craft Sale - 2007, not 2008.

e. New Business:

Trips - Helen Jones spoke about Theatre New Brunswick plays and trips available this year

Constitution - It was moved by Faye Brophy and seconded by Bill Rigley that changes to the constitution be made and that the Editor of the Newsletter be added to the Executive Committee. **Motion Carried.**

Honour Guards - If an honour guard is requested by a family member, the funeral director will notify people by an announcement on the local radio station. If not, then members will go on their own. If a deceased teacher is not a member of MARTA the Courtesy Committee will send a card to the family.

NBSRT - Wendy Matthews and Maria Brown attended a meeting of the NBSRT in Fredericton on September 17, 2007. Wendy Reported: There are approximately 1800 members of the NBSRT on Central Deduction, up from 1280 in June 2006. Those who pay locally were cautioned to note that they did not pay "double." Wendy urged people to consider Central Deduction to decrease paperwork, etc.

She noted that a curling bonspiel is being organized by the Charlotte County Branch.

Wendy reported the goals of the NBSRT as printed in the Newsletter and approval of the action plan. The #1 goal is to improve group insurance and promote wellness among members. Wendy advised that significant changes are coming in the Group Insurance Plan and rates, and to keep aware of what is happening.

Click on the link below for information:

[Group Insurance Details](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 PM

NOTE: A delicious meal was served to the members at noon by the members of the Sunny Corner Lions Club.