

# General Meeting (Fall 2009)

The meeting of October 22, 2009 took place at the "Wing."

In the absence of the President, Wendy Matthews chaired this meeting. Wendy called the meeting to order at 11:10, asking the assembly to stand for a moment of silence in honour of deceased members: Edna Cameron, Carmel MacDonald, Bruce Whipple, and Alice Lynch.

Wendy then welcomed everyone, especially new retirees. She encouraged those in attendance who have not yet joined MARTA to do so.

**Business** - Wendy urged members to keep their copy of the newsletter as reference for upcoming events.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the last meeting were read. There was one error. The Treasurer's Report read "there are two major reports per year, one for Canada Revenue Agency and one in February" should have read "one in May" rather than February. It was moved by Shirley Donovan and seconded by Laureena Black that the minutes be accepted as corrected. **Motion carried.**

**Correspondence** - Three items of correspondence were read. They were cards of thanks from the families of Edna Cameron, Carmel MacDonald, and Alicia Hogan, recipient of the scholarship from MARTA.

**Treasurer's Report** - Dave Barker gave a statement of **Financial Position** dated October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 that showed a Regular Account total of \$[REDACTED]; \$[REDACTED] in the Scholarship Account; \$[REDACTED] in Petty cash; \$[REDACTED] in GIC's (Jan.2/09- 2yr, 3.25%) for a total of \$[REDACTED].

He also presented a **Comparative Statement of Financial Position**, reading as follows:

Balances	May 21, 2009	Oct. 5, 2009	Oct. 21, 2009
Regular Account	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Scholarship Account	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Petty Cash	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
GIC's (Jan 2/09 - 2 Yr @ 3.25%)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>TOTALS</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Faye Brophy moved that this report be filed for audit. It was seconded by Glenn Russell. **Motion carried.**

The business arising from the minutes was dealt with in the **committee reports**.

Pat Clancy gave a detailed **NBSRT Report** of the September 29 meeting. This meeting included a report from the SERFNB president, and a presentation by Hector Cormier, president of Coalition for Seniors.

Larry Jamieson gave a presentation on the Teachers' Pension Plan. The gist of this presentation was that we are not to worry about our pension plan. ( Here a discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a problem with our pension. Our position is that should a problem develop, we hope we would be asked for input.)

If there are any concerns with group insurance, we are to contact Johnson's directly.

There is a draft copy of the history of NB Retired Teachers' Associations available at the Museum.

**Reflections** - Issues of **Reflections** will be available for non-members at \$10.00 each. The ACER/CART AGM will be in Ottawa.

**Social** - Cil reported that "Games Afternoon" has begun. The one for November has been moved to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to the availability of the K of C Hall. The breakfast of September 8<sup>th</sup> was well-attended. Our Christmas social will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The next breakfast at the Portage will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bowling will be in March. Cil concluded with warm thanks extended to Dale MacRae for keeping the activities up to date on the website.

**Museum** - Wendy reported that the Loggie House didn't get a student worker for the summer, and so our Museum was essentially closed. We need to relocate. Any suggestions are welcome. There was some discussion about an article that appeared in the local paper regarding the City looking at some arrangement with the Loggie House, but nothing was clear on the outcome.

**Membership** - Marion was absent; however, membership cards will be sent out to those who pay locally. Again, Wendy encouraged members to opt for Central deduction. She also reiterated that members encourage friends to join us for events. Those whose membership has lapsed are welcome to rejoin anytime.

The question of members from Rexton joining MARTA was discussed. Faye Brophy mentioned that years ago, members from Rexton were contacted. Only 2 members joined. Retirees can join any Retired Teachers Association in the province. We will extend an invitation to members from Rexton.

**Special Projects** - Lenore began her report by thanking Wendy for donating the painting on which we will sell tickets. She thanked Faye for printing the tickets. She

asked the membership for donations for the Craft sale - anything that sells, and money donations are accepted as well. Receipts will be issued. The Christmas social, to be held in Nelson on December 8 is a pot-luck. The cost is \$5.00. \$100.00 goes to the Food Bank, and the rest will go to the Scholarship fund.

**Website** - There was nothing to report. The website is up-to-date.

**Courtesy** - Barb Froment gave a report to Wendy showing that 6 sympathy cards were sent and 4 memorial donations were made to the Scholarship fund.

**Newsletter** - Bill Rigley sent in an article.

We then proceeded to say Grace, which was followed by a delicious dinner.

### **New Business**

**Nominations of reflections correspondent** - No one offered, therefore Dale MacRae has agreed to assume this duty.

#### **Important dates:**

- Craft sale - November 7
- Christmas social - December 8
- Breakfast - February 25
- NBSRT - April 27 - Fredericton
- Spring General Meeting May 20

Our next meeting will be held **May 20, 2010**

Following a grateful applause to the kitchen staff, and there being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25.