

Miramichi Area Retired Teachers Association
May 20, 2010, St Michael's Hall

MARTA met at St. Michael's church hall on May 20, 2010. President Rosemarie Rigley called the meeting to order at 11:15. Following a word of welcome, president Rosemarie explained the cost of \$15.00 for the meal. She reminded members of the importance of keeping the Newsletter handy as dates of important events are listed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, seconded by Linda Gallant.

Business arising from the minutes - The problem facing our museum was again discussed. It was moved by Wendy Matthews and seconded by Barb Froment that the museum be closed and items returned to those who wish to reclaim them. The rest of the items will be sent to Fredericton to be kept in the museum there. The discussion included a question as to what other places do with their museum. We are not aware of any other place having one. We cannot afford to keep it. The **motion was carried** with one dissenting vote.

Marion Barrieau has resigned as chairperson of the Membership committee due to illness. President Rosemarie explained the duties of the membership chairperson.

The question arose as to whether we should bring hard copies of the minutes to the general meeting. The membership voted in favour of keeping the status quo. Therefore, the minutes will continue to be read.

There were 3 items of correspondence. Two were cards of thanks for donations to the Scholarship fund, and one contained a cheque to the scholarship fund.

Treasurer's report - Dave Barker gave a detailed report of our finances, copies of which were given to members. This is a summary of our financial standing.

Regular	\$		
Scholarship			\$
Petty Cash			
GIC's			
2-yr GIC (Jan2, 2009@3.25%)			
1-yr.GIC (Mar. 17,2010@ .3%)			
Total Assets, May19, 2010			\$

NBSRT - The report was presented by Pat Clancy. The annual meeting was held on April 27, 2010 in Fredericton. Highlights included:

The name of Claudia McNeil was resubmitted to sit on the Workplace Appeal Tribunal Board as a representative of NBSRT
NBSRT is in strong financial condition

There was discussion regarding the formation of an Atlantic Provinces Association for retired teachers.

Group Insurance: no change to ADD component. The health insurance increase is most likely due to costs involved with travel insurance; no increase to Dental and Prescription Drug component of the plan; Plan is increasing coverage (to \$600.00) for services – physio, massage therapy, etc.; additional homeopathic drugs covered. (smoking cessation, potassium supplements, quinine)

As for travel insurance, if there is a pre-existing condition, contact Johnson Insurance and obtain a letter from your doctor stating that it is okay for you to leave the country.

Mike Ketchum replaces Larry Jamieson as director of Teacher Welfare. Pension plan is outperforming long-term forecast.

The Biennial will be held in Saint John May 3-5, 2011. There is more information on the website and in Reflections.

NBSRT Executive:

President	Roger Nesbitt
1 st Vice President	Betty Smith
2 nd Vice President	Kathy Archibald
Secretary	Gail Brown
Treasurer	Bruce Robertson
Membership	Vernon Harding

Committee Reports

Social -Cil Hickey reported for the social committee. The name of Games afternoon has been changed to Social afternoon to better reflect the social aspect of this get-together. Members may bring a retired teacher friend who is not a member of MARTA, but they must pay a fee of \$2.00. Social afternoons will start again on September 14 at 1:30. Our next breakfast will be on September 7 at 9:30 at the Portage Restaurant. Information will be posted on the website. Cil thanked Dale for keeping members up-to-date on our social events on the website.

Museum - Joan assured us that she supported the move of the museum to Fredericton. She informed us that at times, she had trouble getting in the museum.

Reflections – Dale called for assistance from the membership in the form of information agents. He would like us to send him any information, be it a vacation, reunion, trip, anything in which teachers are involved. We must not forget his telephone number: 622 - 7530!

Membership – President Rosemarie informed us that the numbers are 160 on central deduction, 11 on local, and 9 honorary members. We have 180 members in all.

Telephone – There was no report from the telephone committee.

Special projects – Lenore thanked Wendy for her donation of a painting on which tickets were sold. She reported a grand total of \$791.65 on special projects. Tickets alone brought in \$191.00. Wendy offered to donate another painting for our next fundraiser. The Fall craft sale will take place November 6, barring any changes.

Newsletter – Copies of the Newsletter were made available to membership. Bill urged members to keep a copy of the Newsletter as reference for special dates.

Courtesy – President Rosemarie gave the report for Barb. Three cards were sent out. Barb received \$30.00 for expenses. Please call her at 622-0123 with any information that you feel she should be made aware.

Website - Dale needs pictures. Please send them to his e-mail address: macradar@nbnet.nb.ca Report any celebration, any committee you serve on. Let's publish. Rosemarie reminded us of the video that Dale has on our site, and she invited everyone to view it. She also thanked each of the committee chairpersons for the wonderful work that they do.

Following our dinner pause, Rosemarie thanked the kitchen staff for the meal, especially the desserts, of which there was a good variety.

New Business

1. President Rosemarie reminded us of the Biennial meeting of NBSRT which will be held in Saint John May 3 to 5, 2011. Dale has agreed to sit on the provincial website committee to represent MARTA.
2. A Scholarship is given to one local high school and rotates each year. At our last Board meeting, a motion was passed to offer bursaries to all local graduating high schools.

It was moved by Wendy Matthews and seconded by Dale MacRae
“That a bursary of \$200.00 be given to each of the graduating High Schools. This bursary is to be reviewed each year.” Discussion:
Because we need to give back to the community in order to remain a charitable organization, and we need to give money to satisfy Canada Revenue Agency, it makes sense to donate to the schools. This money will be taken from General funds, and not from the Scholarship fund. It must be reviewed annually and will be awarded as we are able to.
Motion carried.

3. There was also a motion passed at our February 8 Board meeting to make a donation to the Haiti fund. The “shelter box” was explained. It was moved by Dorothy Creighton and seconded by Maria Brown that “a donation of \$1000.00 be given to the Haiti fund through the Salvation Army. This is a one time only donation.” **Motion carried.**

Nominations – Bill Rigley chaired the nomination committee. There was but one nomination to be filled. Wendy Matthews was elected chairperson of the membership committee by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned under a motion by Judy Fox Roy, seconded by Shirley MacDiarmid.