

# **Miramichi Area Retired Teachers Association**

**October 14, 2010**

The Fall General meeting of MARTA took place at Sunny Corner Lions Club on October 14, 2010. President Rosemarie Rigley called the meeting to order at 11:15. The agenda was approved following a motion by Helen Jones, seconded by Cil Hickey. There followed a minute of silence in memory of those members who have passed away since our last meeting. In her opening remarks, Rosemarie gave a special welcome to the new retirees, noting that many have registered since our last meeting, some just today. She reminded members that copies of NBSRT minutes, the History of MARTA, as well as copies of the Newsletter were available to those who would like them.

The **minutes** were approved as read, seconded by Shirley Donovan.

## **Business Arising From the Minutes:**

A few members accompanied Rosemarie to the museum, where they took stock of the contents. There were two display cases and some local artifacts for which they received permission to house at the District Office. Later, Merle Milson, Wendy Matthews, and Rosemarie separated what was to stay from what would be sent to Fredericton. Arrangements will be made to have the items picked up. We cannot get them back once they are in Fredericton. She thanked the group for their help.

We were reminded to check the website to see pictures of events such as the presentation of the Scholarship and Bursaries.

Registration sheets for the Biennial can be found in Reflections.

There were 4 items of **correspondence**, those being thank-you cards from the Scholarship and Bursaries recipients.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave submitted the following Statement of Financial Position:

Regular Account		\$ [REDACTED]
Scholarship Account		[REDACTED]
Petty Cash		
GIC`s (Jan. 2/09-2yr, 3.25%)	[REDACTED]	
Mar. 17/10 - 1yr, @ .3%)	[REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
<b><u>Totals</u></b>		\$ [REDACTED]

**Committee Reports**

1. Reflections – Dale reminded us that contributions will be accepted at 622- 7530. Please call him or an send e-mail.
2. Telephone – Gena gave warm thanks to the committee for a job well done. There were two replacements required. Jeannie O`Neil and Maria Brown graciously accepted to do this. Gena also asked anyone who joined today to please call her.
3. Social – Cil reminded us of the Social Afternoon planned for November 9 at Kof C Hall in Chatham at 1:30 PM.
4. Membership – Wendy Matthews reported that new members have joined so it is not possible to give an exact number yet, but at last count, we had 163 under local deduction and 11 from central deduction, for a total of 180 members. She also spoke on a question that had been asked by a member as to why we appeared to be exclusive. She explained that any organization exists for its membership, and that any retired teacher may join through either central or local deduction. NBSRT, ACER-CART have executives working on our behalf. We are automatically members of these organizations if we belong to MARTA. You must be a member to attend functions and receive calls.
5. Special Projects – Lenore thanked Wendy for donating another Painting. The Craft Sale will take place November 6 at the Douglastown Community Center. She is looking for crafts, pickles, jam, etc. The Christmas Party will be held on December 14 at the Nelson Senior Citizens Hall.

6. Museum – Rosemarie thanked Joan for her many years of dedication to this committee.
7. Newsletter – Bill asked to make a change on the Newsletter. Bursaries are in the amount of \$200.00, and not \$250 as indicated in the article.
8. Courtesy – Barb Froment submitted her report that indicated that since May, she sent out 8 cards, and there are 7 cards left. From the \$35.93, she has \$21.74 remaining.
9. Website – Dale asked members to please send pictures, any news item, etc. A new video will be posted tomorrow showing today's meeting.

After, our president thanked the kitchen staff for the delicious dinner; the meeting resumed.

**NBSRT Report** - President Rosemarie gave a detailed report. Here are the highlights:

- We need to increase membership, as we have only added 47 new members since January. Vernon will replace membership cards to those who request them. Twenty-six members have passed away since last April.
- It has been said that by 2015, retired teachers will outnumber active teachers.
- Mildred Urquhart will replace Herb Duplessea as representative on the **ACER-CART Committee**, a committee for the joint French and English branch of Canadian retired teachers.
- There was a proposal to explore the possibility of establishing an Atlantic Provinces Association of Retired Teachers, similar to CAPTO (Conference of Atlantic Provinces Teachers' Organizations). A meeting is scheduled for October 27 in Charlottetown.

- NBSRT supports the Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Rights. This is a non-partisan group. There will be a representative from NBSRT Executive at their next meeting.
- The Group Insurance Report was given by Trustee Callum McPhee. The report states in part that supply teachers may now join our insurance plan.
- Effective May 1, 2010, Cuba has made it mandatory for all visitors to hold travel health insurance from providers approved by the Cuban government, or to purchase it from Cuban vendors at its port of entry. Travelers to Cuba are asked to keep their insurance card with them at all times.
- The committee is still looking for more trustees. There has been no more work done on the wellness survey. The Wellness website has a link to other sites.

### **New Business:**

Notice of motion: At our May General meeting we will put forward a motion to have the Miramichi Museum Committee Article deleted from our report. A vote to that effect will be taken at that time.

December 14 is our potluck date. Bring a dish, an item for the food bank and an item for auction if you so desire.

Donnie O'Neil spoke on the Youth House project. They are taking pledges for their fundraiser. Many took advantage of the opportunity to support this worthwhile cause.

Wendy spoke on behalf of North and South Esk Alumni Association. They have a home tour organized as a fundraiser. The proceeds go to their Scholarship fund. She told us that there were but a few tickets left, so those who wish to take part should get them soon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.