

Miramichi Area Retired Teachers Association

Annual General Meeting

Chatham Legion

May18, 2011

MARTA met at the Chatham Legion on May 18, 2011 for the Dinner and Spring meeting.

Pat Clancy presided and called the meeting to order at 10:10.

Following a moment of silence for deceased members, Pat encouraged us to take home the copy of the Newsletter that was at each place, and to put on our calendar the important dates.

The agenda was approved under a motion by Rosemarie Rigley, seconded by Maria Brown.

The Minutes of our Fall Meeting were approved as read, seconded by Bill Rigley.

Dave Barker gave a detailed report of our financial situation.

As of May 19, 2010, the balance in the Regular and Scholarship accounts was \$ [REDACTED]

Our receipts showed a total of \$ [REDACTED] for a grand total of \$ [REDACTED]

Expenditures stood at \$ [REDACTED].

As of May 18th, 2011, the combined balances of our regular account and our scholarship accounts totalled \$ [REDACTED]

Financial Position

Reconciled Bank Balances, May 18, 2011

Regular

\$ [REDACTED]

Scholarship

\$ [REDACTED]

Petty Cash

GIC's

2-yr GIC (Jan.4,2011@2%)

\$ [REDACTED]

Total assets, May18, 2011

Dave moved that his report be filed for audit. It was seconded by Bill Rigley. Motion carried.

Pat Clancy gave the President's report on behalf of Rosemarie Rigley.

These are the Highlights:

*Breakfast for new retirees last fall

*Fall meeting in Sunny Corner October 14

*Annual Craft Sale at Douglastown Community Center

*Christmas dinner and auction at Nelson Community Center Dec. 14

*March 3, second breakfast

*Social afternoons on second Tuesday of the month at K of C Hall

*Scholarships of \$1000.00 and bursaries of \$200.00 to each of the four High Schools in District 16

*Donations to the Food Kitchen and a \$1000 donation to Haiti Relief Fund

Pat concluded his report by thanking Rosemarie for her hard work and wishing her well on the road to full recovery.

Pat Clancy also gave the NBSRT report. This is a summary of the meeting that was held May 4 and 5, 2011.

- President Roger Nesbitt brought to the attention of those present the state of the Teachers' Pension Fund. This had been questioned following the downturn of the economy. The government has a commitment to make up the funding difference. The bottom line is that we are still in good shape.

- MARTA received \$50.00 as a result of a 5% growth in membership over the past year.

- CAPTO report:

- a) Quebec retired teachers withdrew from ACER-CART.

- b) They are looking at the possibility of having charitable donations of \$1200 or more treated the same as political donations on tax returns.

- c) Members should be aware that the cost of prescription can vary from one pharmacy to another and can result in high cost to our drug plan.

- Group insurance has been exploring Critical Insurance coverage. Members are reminded that we have automatic Travel insurance coverage up to one million dollars for medical expenses. This is medical only and not trip cancellation coverage. A new booklet on what drugs are covered should be available this summer. Personal information regarding individual coverage is available on the website. The committee is exploring the possibility of one fee for all retirees.

- Attendance to School Days Museum was up during the past year. They received a grant from Heritage Branch, and they were very appreciative of the donation from MARTA.

- ACER-CART was unable to obtain information of retired teachers living below the poverty level. They are concerned over the loss of funding from CIDA to CTF. NBSRT will be represented at the Annual meeting of ACERT-CART June 2-4.

- The committee continues to have representation with the Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents.

- The President reported that NBSRT is hosting CAPTO in 2012. NBSRT continues to explore the possibility of an additional trustee on NBTF group insurance board. He urged the delegates to continue their work on increasing membership. NBSRT pins are available for \$10.00 each. He thanked the Biennial Committee for their work in making 2011 Biennial a success.

Committee Reports:

It was moved by Joan Jardine and seconded by Dorothy Creighton that we accept all the committee reports at once at the end of the presentation. Motion carried.

- 1) Social - Cil Hickey reported that Games afternoons are finished for the summer. They will start again in September, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the K of C hall in Chatham. She gave warm thanks to Merle Milson, Bill and Rosemarie Rigley for looking after this in her absence during April and May. The breakfast in June will be at the Portage restaurant. The telephone committee will let you know the date.

- 2) Reflections – Dale reported that submissions are scant. You may think that what you do is not important, but call him anyway. Merle Milson has agreed to submit something for the fall issue. Helen Jones will check with the Board Office on photos of 2010 retired teachers.
- 3) Membership – Wendy Matthews reported a total of 194 members as of May 18. There are 4 members remaining of those that were made honorary members.
- 4) Telephone – Gena thanked the members for a job well done. She also invited MARTA to participate in the Rotary Club activity of this summer.
- 5) Special Projects – Lenore reported that the craft Sale brought in \$251.00 for tickets
168.05 for crafts and food
146.00 for the auction
416.00 in donations
981.05 TOTAL.

She thanked everyone for their participation and contribution to the success of this event. Cameron Buffett was the lucky winner of the draw again this year. The Nelson Hall is rented for our December 6 Christmas party. The Craft sale should take place the first Saturday in November, but with the uncertainty of the Douglastown Center situation, the place is up in the air. Membership will be informed as soon as anything is settled.

- 6) Newsletter – Bill assured us that games afternoon date should read October 11 and not October 14. Monday, June 13 has been reserved for the breakfast at 9:30 at the Portage. This and other important dates will be included in the Newsletter.
- 7) Website – Dale's report included information on the link for MARTA that deals with Seniors in Canada. There is also a link to Johnson Insurance. If you need help, call Dale. The site also has a link to N.B. Museum, and NBSRT. Dale is looking for input. Tell him what you would like the web page to do for you.
- 8) Courtesy – Dave gave the report for Barbara Froment. There were 3 cards sent since October. There are 11 cards left and \$10.99 in the account.

The motion to accept these reports, moved and seconded by Joan Jardine and Dorothy Creighton.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Rosemarie Rigley and seconded by Dale MacRae that since our Museum no longer exists, that the report be excluded from the committee reports. Motion carried.

A motion made by Wendy Matthews that MARTA give five \$300.00 bursaries to each of the High Schools in the District for this year and that it be reviewed each year was seconded by Dave Barker. Motion carried.

A discussion ensued as to whether the bursaries should be presented at the graduation ceremonies by someone from our group. It was decided that the Executive would deal with this.

It was moved by Gena Skidd and seconded by Rosemarie Rigley that a donation of \$100.00 be made to each of the five High School for Safe Grad activities. Motion carried.

Wendy Matthews chaired the Nominations Committee. There were three positions open for election, and the names brought forward by Wendy were as follows:

- 1 – President - Pat Clancy
- 2 – Vice-President - Marjorie McPhee
- 3 – Secretary - Muriel McCallum

The names of the candidates for each position were accepted, seconded by Dale MacRae. Motion carried.

Pat thanked Joan Jardine for chairing the Museum Committee and Merle Milson for the work he did helping with the cleaning and moving the items to Fredericton. He also thanked Rosemarie for her dedication as President.

Warm thanks were given to the kitchen staff for the delicious meal and to the Legion for their co-operation.

There was a final announcement by Paula Trueman: an open-house was being held for Rose Ramsay on the occasion of her birthday from 2:30 to 6:30.

Elizabeth Seaman moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:32.