

# Miramichi Area Retired Teacher's Association

## Fall AGM October 2014

Date: October 23, 2014

Time: 11 am

Location: St. Michael's Parish Center

President Marjorie MacPhee called the meeting to order at 11:05 with a welcome to everyone by reading "Who is a Teacher".

Marj introduced our guest speakers: Angie Roy from Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Program who gave an overview of their organization and spoke about their programs, groups and activities in our community and Connie Daley who is a Coordinator with the Positive Learning Environment Program for the Anglophone School District North who spoke about the benefits of the In School Mentoring Program. Many MARTA members also shared wonderful stories about their personal experiences with the program as well. BB/BS currently serves 600 children a year in our community.

A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of deceased members. Grace was said by Wendy Matthews.

Merle Milson made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Ester Mahoney. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Spring AGM on May 22, 2014 were read by Lois Gilliss. Lois made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Rosemarie Rigley. Motion carried.

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

Maria Brown gave a report of our financial position as of May 22, 2014:

Regular Account	██████████
Scholarship Acc.	██████████
Petty Cash	██████████
GIC	██████████ (maturity on July 7, 2015 1yr. @1.5%)
Total	██████████

A written financial report was also submitted. Maria moved that this financial report be

accepted and filed for audit. Seconded by Astrid Miousse. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read by Lois Gilliss. A letter of resignation was received from Dale and Connie MacRae from the Reflections committee after a number of years on that committee. Thank you letter/cards were received from 6 graduates who received a MARTA Scholarship or Bursary. A thank you card was also received from Pat Clancy in the recent death of his mother.

Committee Reports: Pat Clancy made a motion to accept all committee reports as given. Seconded by Dorothy Creighton. Motion carried. Written reports were also submitted.

Social: Cil Hickey reported that the Games Afternoon started in September. There will be none November due to the second Tuesday being Remembrance Day. In December we have our Pot Luck in Nelson. The next Games Day will be in January on the second Tuesday.

Reflections: Merle Milson reported that in the spring 2014 edition of Reflections there were articles on Dan Johnston about living in New Zealand, Don Bonnar, the second part of the History of Harkins and MARTA Branch news. The fall edition should include the branch news and the last part of the history of Harkins. Future articles will feature more articles on Executive Members of MARTA, both present and past. If anyone has ideas for articles or would like to do a bit of writing please contact Merle by phone or email. The committee is now down to one member, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Membership: Wendy Matthews reported that our membership is currently at 241. Provincial registration forms are available for anyone wishing to sign up.

Telephone: Gena Skidd thanked her committee for all of their help in contacting members for our meetings.

Special Projects: Lenore Masterson reported that 2 50/50 draws have been held: May 21/14 \$55.00 won by Pat Boucher and Sept. 2/14 \$60.00 won by Donnie O'Neil. Today's draw was for \$78.00 and was won by Joan Jardine. The Christmas Pot Luck will be held on Dec. 9 at the Friendly Neighbor's Club in Nelson. Members will be there around 10 to open the hall and prepare things. Lunch will be served at noon. As usual an offering of \$5.00 is requested at the door, \$100.00 goes to the Food Bank and the remainder to the Scholarship Fund. Food items will also be accepted for the Food Bank. We are asking for donations for the auction. Perhaps you would like to regift an item you haven't used, someone might be glad to bid on it!!

Newsletter: Bill Rigley indicated that copies have been placed on the tables. One correction needs to be made regarding the Games Day on Nov. 11 which will not be held due to the holiday. The next edition will be available for the spring meeting in May. Please contact Bill if you wish to have anything for it.

Website: Dale MacRae was absent so no report was given.

Courtesy: Rosemarie Rigley reported that since June she has sent out 7 sympathy cards Kora Hayward, Barb Fromont, Theodore Stewart, Janice Morrison, Wendy Matthews, Phyllis Cooling and Pat Clancy. She has also made 2 donations to the Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased MARTA members Gordon Raymond (June 2014) and Shirley Routledge (August 2014). Some funds are still left over from last year, so she will not need any more funds for the near future. Money is used to buy cards and stamps.

NBSRT Report: Marj MacPhee reported that 2 members from our Branch attend the provincial meeting. The last one was held on Sept. 30, 2014. Dale Weldon from Johnson's Insurance indicated that there are still questions regarding the provincial drug plan and that everyone needs to be on a plan. The teacher's plan covers 15,000 medications as compared to the new provincial plan with only 4300 medications. If you are travelling outside the province be sure to have a letter from your doctor.

Larry Jamieson reported that the new pension plan is written and is already in the translation phase. July 1, 2014 the plan goes into effect.

Marj spoke about how our branch handles communication to our members. The names of deceased members from our branch are also sent to the provincial committee. Vernon Harding's position is available if anyone is interested in volunteering for it. NBSRT is looking for names of members deserving of provincial honor. Submissions need to be in by Dec. 1/14. Names can be given to Marj or Rick. Bill mentioned Faye Brophy for this nomination.

New Business: A motion was made by Bill Rigley to amend the Constitution to add "website chairperson" to the Executive and under Article 7 of the Constitution that a motion of notice can be extended by use of the MARTA website (rather than from one General Meeting to the next). Seconded by Cil Hickey. Motion carried.

The Biennial Meeting will be held in Pres du Lac - Plaster Rock. It is a 1 day meeting on May 6th, information is posted on the NBSRT website.

The nominating committee for our branch is looking for names to fill the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for our Spring AGM in May.

Marj thanked Veronique from Season's View Cafe for the lovely meal they prepared for us and St. Michael's Parish for the use of their facility for today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm on a motion from Bill Rigley.