

Miramichi Area Retired Teacher's Association

Spring AGM May 21, 2015

MARTA held it's annual Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Riverside Entertainment Center. President Marjorie MacPhee called the meeting to order at 11:10 by welcoming all the members. A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of deceased members. Grace was said by Marjorie.

Members were advised to keep today's newsletter for the dates of next year's events.

The Minutes of the Fall AGM on October 23, 2014 were read by secretary Lois Gilliss. There were no errors or omissions so Lois made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Bill Rigley. Motion carried.

There was no **new business** arising from the minutes.

Correspondence was read by Lois. Thank you cards were received from Doreen Allison's family, Mary MacBride's sisters, the family of Ann McBriarity and Marty Hawkes in remembrance of her husband John. A memorial card and MARTA donation were received from Betty Smith in memory of Noreen Drillen.

Maria Brown gave a **report of our financial position** as of May 20, 2015:

Regular Account	\$	██████
Scholarship Fund	\$	██████
Petty Cash	\$	██████
GIC	\$	██████ (1 yr. @ 1.5% maturing July 7/15)
Total	\$	██████

A written financial report was also submitted. This report was also to include \$██████ for operating expenses. Maria moved that this report be accepted and filed for audit. Seconded by Michael Butler. Motion carried.

President's Report was given by Marj. She started her report by reading "Time Flies" She highlighted the events of the past year and thanked everyone for all their support and hard work.

There was no **NBSRT Report** as Marj and Rick could not attend.

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

Social/ Games: Cil was absent so Marj spoke on her behalf. Marj thanked Cil for all of her dedication to organizing the events of this committee. She also spoke about the games day held on the second Tuesday of each month. Dates for the fall are in today's newsletter.

Reflections: Merle Milson reported that there are 3 editions of "Reflections" each year - fall, winter and spring. In the fall edition, the 3rd part of the "History of Harkins" appeared as well as the MARTA Branch News. There was only the "Branch News" in the winter edition as the deadline was January 9th, right after the busy Christmas season. The spring edition will have the local branch news, a special article on Cil Hickey and 5 "In Memoriams". Our contributions to the Memorial section were not consistent in the past and usually only happened when a MARTA member did the article. In the future, we'll try to be more consistent. Please call or email Merle if you would like to have something included in our news. His information can be found on the front cover of "Reflections". He thanked everyone for their help.

Membership: Wendy Matthews reported that as of today our membership is at 238. She also has new enrollment forms with Dale MacRae's address as he is the new provincial membership secretary. Forms are available for anyone who may want to join.

Telephone: Gena Skidd thanked everyone on her committee for doing such a great job and calling everyone all year. An extra special thank you to Laureena Black and Wendy Matthews for filling in for two ladies that weren't well. Great job ladies!! Just a reminder to please call back and let the person calling you know that you are or not coming before the deadline date.

Website: Dale MacRae gave an update on the new website, he will be done on August 31st and Grant Hendry will be our new webmaster. Dale will be moving to the provincial membership committee. Our site get many hits so it is important to keep it current.

Special Projects: Lenore Masterson reported that the Christmas Party raised a total of \$459.00 (\$235.00 in donations + \$224.50 from the auction). Two 50/50 draws were held raising \$133.50 (\$78.00 + \$55.50). Today's draw was for \$78.00 and was won by Sally Underhill. Receipts are issued for Memorial Fund contributions and donations for income tax purposes. The next Christmas pot luck party will be on December 8th at the Nelson Senior's Building.

Courtesy: Rosemarie Rigley reported that since our fall meeting we have had 5 members who passed away: Doreen Allison, Noreen Drillen, Sister Ellen Hickey, Shirley Tozer and John Hawkes. A donation to the Scholarship Fund was made in their memory. Three "Thinking of You" cards were sent to John Hawkes, Dorothy Gilliss and Wendy Matthews. As well we have sent the following sympathy cards to Mary Alice Ahern (husband), Irene Blakely (brother), Mary

MacDonald (son), Kay Flanagan (sister), Betty Clancy/Dorothy McCarthy/Lourdes Connell (sister), Andy Clark (father), Jane Waye (father), Mary Ellen Pelletier (brother), Lourdes Casey (sister), and Theresa Connell (sister). Rosemarie also received \$50.00 from Maria to purchase cards and stamps.

Newsletter: Bill reported that the current copies of the newsletter have been placed on the tables today. It includes the dates for the fall events so make sure to keep it. The next edition will be available in May at the Spring AGM. Please contact Bill if you wish to include anything in it.

New Business:

A discussion was held at the last Executive Meeting to award only the 5 bursaries in the amounts of \$150.00 each and not pay any safe grad funds for this year only due to funding availability. Maria Brown made a motion to give \$150.00 in bursaries to 5 schools for a total of \$650.00 for this year. Seconded by Pat Clancy. Motion carried.

Incoming President Rick Hayward then spoke to the membership about generating an email list to be used to forward local and provincial information to MARTA members. Sign up sheets have been placed at each table. This will also be used for a reminder of local MARTA events as well. Rick also thanked Dale for all his hard work with the website. Phone calls will also continue.

The following members have been nominated for the next term: VP - Andy Clark, Treasurer - Richard Walsh, Secretary - Trudy Underhill. Rick also thanked Marj, Maria and Lois for their hard work during the last term. Also to Pat Clancy for all his hard work to MARTA.

Outgoing President Marjorie MacPhee then concluded the meeting by reading a humorous story "Middle Wife" about a child's account of the birth of her her brother, something we as teachers have probably encountered in our classrooms. She also thanked the Entertainment Center for the lovely meal today.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 on a motion by Bill Rigley.