

## **MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MARTA SPRING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, May 26, 2016

**Location:** St. Andrews United Church

#### **Call to Order:**

**President** Rick Hayward called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM. The meeting began with the singing of O Canada, accompanied by Bill Sweezy on the piano, and followed by the lighting of a memorial candle and one minute silence, in remembrance of members who passed away during the past year. Richard Walsh offered grace. Rick welcomed Betty Smith (NBSRT President) to the meeting, and thanked her for attending.

#### **Approval of May 26, 2016 Agenda:**

Rick requested that #7 (Committee Reports) on agenda be moved to after #10. With the agenda amended, it was moved by Bill Rigley and seconded by Lloyd Cameron to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Fall AGM Minutes- October 22, 2015**

It was moved by Trudy Underhill and seconded by Merle Milson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Rick encouraged all members to check MARTA website at least once each week as information is regularly being updated and important messages for retired teachers posted. Eg: Request for honor guards at funerals will be posted there.

#### **Financial Report:**

Richard Walsh provided details/explanation with respect to the Financial Report (income/expenses) circulated for the period October 22, 2015 to May 26, 2016.

Regular Fund Balance on May 26, 2016	\$ [REDACTED]
Scholarship Fund Balance on May 26, 2016	\$ [REDACTED]
Total Investments Balance on May 26, 2016	\$ [REDACTED]
Petty Cash Balance on May 26, 2016	\$ [REDACTED]
Total Assets on May 26, 2016	\$ [REDACTED]

#### **President's Report:**

Rick began by extending congratulations to NBSRT on celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, and acknowledged that we too were celebrating the same milestone. Words of appreciation were offered to the new executive (as of May 2015) for the time and work they graciously offer. Grant Hendry was recognized for offering to fill Dale MacRae's position as Webmaster, when Dale accepted secretary of NBSRT. Rick thanked both Grant and Dale for their work refurbishing the MARTA website.

MARTA's new executive has decided to host NBSRT 2017. The dates have been set for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rodd Miramichi. Rick advised the group that should anyone want to become involved with this initiative; there are

committees that could use additional people. One of the major highlights of the year was the nomination and subsequent acceptance of Faye Brophy for the NBSRT Honorary Life Membership Award.

Other noteworthy items for MARTA this past year include, one \$1000.00 scholarship and five \$250.00 bursaries to local high schools; monthly Games Afternoons; fall general meeting and dinner (81 people); annual Christmas Dinner and Auction; two articles published in Reflections. In closing, Rick thanked the executive for their work and time. He also thanked Betty Smith for all her excellent work as President of NBSRT, and wished her "the very best" as she leaves that post for new adventures.

### **Special Presentations**

Betty Smith, president of NBSRT presented Faye Brophy with a corsage in recognition of being nominated and accepting the nomination for the NBSRT Honorary Life Membership Award. Rick presented Faye with a gift. Faye thanked NBSRT and MARTA for being nominated for this prestigious award that she so proudly received. Rick presented Lenore Masterson a Merit Award and roses. Lenore taught 32 years and has been involved actively with MARTA for the past 27 years. The past 26 years she has worked diligently on Special Projects. Lenore thanked the group graciously.

### **NBSRT Report:**

Rick Hayward reviewed the notes from the NBSRT AGM morning session. Topics covered were membership (2724); ACER-CART-president will attend s a voting member, vice president as observer; Reflections-subscriptions are up, all magazines are on NBSRT website; NBSRT Website-daily announcement, NBSRT Facebook site, MARTA information, resources and many forms; NBSRT Wellness-each branch \$200 for wellness activities, Johnson Insurance Booklet on line and booklets will be available soon; October 1-National Political Senior Day for Seniors.

Pension Report-VESTCORP- Larry Jamieson, Bob Fitzpatrick VESTCORP will maintain a relationship with NBIMC, Teachers now have control of their own investments, Paul Smith has been hired to draft legislation, we are keeping all jobs in NB, there will be a seamless transition for the NBTPP, we will save 50 million dollars annually, TPP has a value of 5 billion dollars currently. Both Larry Jamieson and Bob Fitzpatrick expressed satisfaction regarding TPP. Bob summed it up by saying..."I am excited, bordering on elated by what is transpiring!"

Andy Clark reviewed notes from NBSRT afternoon session. This included an update regarding Johnson's Insurance paying particular attention to The Cancer Assistance Program: Care path and Travel Insurance. Other topics reviewed were the Branch Reports, President's Report, and results of election of new NBSRT executive members. Dates were noted of next President's Roundtable, Ad Hoc Committee re: NBSRT Constitution Bylaws, and Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

### **Committee Reports:**

It was moved by Rosemarie Rigley and seconded by Laureena Black that all committee report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

***Social Committee*** -Cil Hickey Game days are finished for the year. They are the second Tuesday of every month.

***Reflections***-Merle Milson Three editions of "Reflections" were published during the school year 2015-2016. The fall 2015 edition included the Miramichi Branch News, and the history of North and South Esk Regional High School. The winter 2016 edition included Branch News, an article on Mildred Campbell, as well as memorials for Dorothy Gilliss (a past president of MARTA) and Dorothy McCarthy (also a past president of MARTA). The spring edition, which you will be receiving in late June, will include Branch News, the history of MARTA over the past 40 years, and a memorial for Annie Williston who recently passed away at the age of 100. Former presidents of MARTA were invited to stay after the meeting for a photo. Anyone having ideas for future articles or anyone who would

like to do an article for submission is asked to contact Merle (name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address are on the front cover of your Reflection Magazine).

**Telephone** -Gena Skidd Gena thanked everyone for helping. The system she has is working well.

**Special Projects**- Lenore Masterson Lenore thanked everyone for buying 50/50 tickets. She asked the group to think about and make suggestions of what would be good to offer for auction at the Christmas party.

**Newsletter**- Bill Rigley Special dates have been posted on the spring newsletter as well as three memorials—Dorothy McCarthy, Dorothy Gilliss and Anne Williston. Everyone is encouraged to pay particular attention to the information regarding Travel Insurance.

**Website**- Grant Hendry Website is working well. Grant encouraged everyone to check in often to keep updated. MARTA is also on Facebook. It is a closed group under Grant's administration.

**Membership**- Wendy Matthews There are 244 members, 15 are locally paying. We have one honorary member. Forms for joining MARTA can be downloaded from the website or picked up from Wendy.

**Courtesy**- Rosemarie Rigley As of October 11 sympathy cards have been sent out: 3 for deceased members, (with donation to Scholarship fund from Richard)—Dorothy McCarthy, Dorothy Gilliss and Anne Williston. Eight sympathy cards have been sent out to the following: Theresa Connell (brother), Lynne Leclair (mother), Cil Hickey (brother), Rick Mills (mother), Marty Hawkes (mother), Lourdes Casey (son), Marian Barrieau(husband) Jimmy Doyle (wife). If any have been missed please let Rose Marie know and she will be happy to forward a card immediately.

**Biennial Planning**- Andy Clark MARTA is hosting the Biennial Celebration on May 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Rodd Miramichi. The theme is "Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday". Some prizes include a Golf Package from Miramichi Golf and Country Club, and Escape Weekend from Rodd Miramichi. Winners need to be present to win. The planning committee will reconvene in late September. Anyone who would like to join the committee is asked to contact Rick.

**Correspondence**- Trudy Underhill Thank you card received from Dorothy Creighton acknowledging MARTA's expression of sympathy on the loss of her sister Frankie. Thank you card was received from the family of Dorothy Gilliss, acknowledging MARTA'S donation to the MARTA scholarship fund on Dorothy's behalf. Thank you card was received from the family of Anne Williston, acknowledging our donation to the MARTA scholarship fund on Anne's behalf. Thank you card received from the family of Peter Casey acknowledging MARTA's expression of sympathy on the loss of their son. Thank you card received from the family of Lillian Hogan acknowledging MARTA's expression of sympathy on the loss of their mother. Thank you card received from Faye Brophy thanking MARTA for nominating her for an Honorary Life Membership of the NBSRT.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Bill Rigley to adjourn at 12:03 PM.

Trudy Underhill

Secretary