

**MIRAMICHI AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
SPRING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Location: St. Andrew's United Church, Miramich

Call to Order:

President Rick Hayward called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting, and especially welcomed the new members in attendance.

Special Presentations:

Andy Clark presented representatives of Rodd Miramichi, Samantha Murphy, Shannon Hannah and Tanya Stymist, with a plant, a thank you card, and a letter of thanks for the entire staff at Rodd Miramichi in appreciation for the positive impact Rodd Miramichi had on NBSRT's recent Biennial Celebration. The general feeling was that the Rodd exceeded all expectations and helped make the celebration an enjoyable one for all who attended.

Guest Speaker: Bob Fitzpatrick

Bob Fitzpatrick presented information regarding VESTCOR. The presentation was very positive and all indications are that our pension is in a good place. Bob Fitzpatrick and Mike Springer, both from NBTA sit on the VESTCOR committee along with others. Our pension is growing and doing well. Government has nothing to do with our pension at this point.

Approval of May 30, 2017 Agenda:

Bill Rigley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Charlotte Casey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moment of Silence:

One minute of silence was observed remembering deceased members of MARTA as well as those dealing with health issues currently.

Approval of Fall General Meeting Minutes- October 20, 2016

It was moved by Richard Walsh and seconded by Mike Butler to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Rick advised the group that the Wellness Grant valued at \$200.00 will be used to offer a session of “Ageless Grace—Trudy Walsh” at Middle Island on June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Rain Date will be June 29, 2017.

Rick also reminded the group to advise Johnson Insurance if you are travelling, especially if you have had any change in medication within the three-month period prior to travel. He also noted that CAREPATH is not being utilized. We need to remind people this is available....it we do not use it, most likely it will disappear!

Financial Report:

Richard Walsh provided details/explanation with respect to the Financial Report (income/expenses) circulated for the period October 6, 2016 to May 23, 2017.

Regular Fund Balance on May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
Scholarship Fund Balance on May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
Total Investments Balance on May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
Petty Cash Balance on May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]
Total Assets on May 23, 2017	\$ [REDACTED]

Richard Walsh moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented; Rose Marie Rigley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard advised the group that no funds will be given to schools this year. Student recipients must submit required documentation to the treasurer of MARTA before scholarship and bursary cheques will be issued directly to them. This will happen sometime in September. There will be five \$300.00 bursaries-one going to each high school in old district 16. This money will be taken out of the general account. The \$1000.00scholarship will go to a student at NSER this year and it will be taken out of the scholarship account.

Correspondence:

St. Andrew's Black Light Show will be on Wednesday, June 7 at James M Hill with performances at 12:00 noon and again at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Their performance at the Biennial Celebration was exceptional and with the \$200.00 honorarium they were given, the children were treated to an ice cream at Maurie's.

A meeting was held on May 29, 2017 at Dr. Losier Middle School for any active or retired teachers who may be interested in teaching in Brazil. Anyone interested needs to contact Bruce MacDonald.

President's Report:

Rick reported that most of the focus over his two-year term as president was on the NBSRT Biennial Celebration. He extended his appreciation to the 30 or more members of MARTA who so graciously helped. Rick also thanked the executive for all their efforts over the two-year period. Rick recognized the executive members who were leaving thanked them and presented them with a pen set...Richard Walsh, Trudy Underhill, and Rose Marie Rigley.

Biennial Report:

Andy Clark reported that evaluations from the NBSRT Biennial Celebration confirmed that all who attended enjoyed the event. Attendees reported a most enjoyable time, and gave MARTA an A+ for none other than a

“stellar” job organizing the function! Andy also expressed his gratefulness to Rodd Miramichi and employees who went above their call of duty to accommodate the needs of the group.

Marg Urquhart, president of NBSRT commented that it was the largest local output of support of any she had ever witnessed.

NBSRT AGM:

Andy Clark reported that bi-law 3.b was amended at the AGM. One signing officer will be sufficient to sign cheques; it could be the president, vice-president or treasurer. This decision was made because of distance issues between signing officers.

Three people received Certificates of Merit...Margret Cummings, Mary Hansen and Dale MacRae.

NBSRT is looking at the feasibility of starting a NBSRT Scholarship.

Anne Kennedy is the NBSRT wellness president.

The “School Day’s” project put together by Marjorie Sinclair for the NBSRT Biennial Celebration is now housed at the School Days Museum in Fredericton.

A motion was made at the NBSRT AGM to have NBSRT take action to expedite the process of getting the insurance booklets in print.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee-Cil Hickey

The Games Afternoon is held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Christmas Social will be the second Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Reflections-Merle Milson

The Fall Edition of “Reflections” included The Branch News for Miramichi. The Winter Edition featured an article on the history of St. Michael’s Academy and The Local Branch News. The spring “Reflections”

includes The Branch News with a report on the Biennial, and two “In Memorials” for Velna Dickson and Gerald Glynn.

If anyone has any ideas for articles or would like to write an article, please contact Merle. Phone and email are on front cover of “Reflections” magazine under Branch Correspondents.

Telephone- Gena Skidd

Genathanked all the telephone people and reported that the committee is working well and will continue calling to advise members of breakfasts and dinners. Judy Fox Roy offered to do telephone duty if any of the current people would like a break.

Special Projects- Lenore Masterson

Lenore thanked everyone for buying 50/50 tickets. Phyllis Cooling won the 50/50 today \$128.00.

Christmas party is December 12th at the Seniors Hall in Nelson. Lenore encouraged members to be looking for items for the auction...things around that are like new but no longer used.

Newsletter—Bill Rigley

The Fall MARTA Newsletter included dates to remember from now until the end of October 2017, information regarding the Biennial Celebration, Great Truths That Little Children Have Learned and Why,Why, Why.

Website-- Grant Hendry

Website is working well. Grant encouraged everyone to check in often to keep updated.

Membership—Wendy Matthews

There are 250 members. Forms for joining MARTA can be downloaded from the website or picked up from Wendy. Wendy thanked Dale MacRae for input and letting the branch know when new members join!

Courtesy—Rosemarie Rigley Since the AGM in October two of our members passed away. Donations to the Scholarship fund have been made on behalf of the two. Four sympathy cards were sent for deceased family members of our retirees---Hazen Sweeney for his brother, Linda McLean for her sister, James Glenn for his brother, Pat Boucher for her mother.

Rose Marie announced that it was her wish to resign from this committee. She thanked the group for allowing her to serve the association in this capacity and expressed that it was a pleasure.

New Business:

Election of officers for the next two-year period (May 2017-May 2019)

President: Andy Clark

Vice President: Grant Hendry

Treasurer: Lloyd Cameron

Secretary: Marty Hawkes

Closing Presentation:

Rick presented Marg MacPhee with a pen set, recognizing her for all the guidance she so graciously offered him during his two-year term as president.

Adjournment: It was moved by Rick Hayward to adjourn at 12:35 PM.

Trudy Underhill seconded it.

Trudy Underhill

Secretary