

Retired Teachers Organization, Annapolis Executive Meeting - June 17, 2015

Venue: End of Line Pub, Bridgetown, NS

Attendees: Neil MacNeil, Vicky Parker, Glen Pulley, Gordon MacDonald, and Albert Johnson

Regrets: Vic Fleury, Doug Cameron

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Neil MacNeil at 10:00 a.m. Vicky gave a brief bio of the speaker, Theresa Maclean, who is a Bridgetown naturopath. This was followed by a moment of silence for teachers who are no longer with us.

2. Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Vicky Parker and seconded by Gord MacDonald that the agenda be approved.....Motion Accepted

3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Glen Pulley. A motion of acceptance was put forth by Glen and seconded by Gord MacDonald.Motion Accepted

4. Business Arising: President Neil indicated that it may be possible to get the shingles vaccine free of charge if an individual has previously not had chicken pox. However, the vaccine only has a guarantee of 50% in preventing shingles.

5. Treasurers Report: At the last meeting, the balance was \$1877.04. Gord reported a balance of \$1755.89 for this meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Gord and seconded by Neil MacNeil.Motion Accepted

6. Old Business:

A) Vicky reported on the newsletter. Submissions are welcome from members about their activities, travels, talents, etc. In coming issues, the executive will also be profiled. A primary goal will be to keep member contact information up to date.

B) President Neil reported on the retirement dinner. He had welcomed each of the new retirees who were given personal invitations to the Not-Back-to-School Breakfast and important information about the RTO.

7. New Business:

A) There was a brief discussion of the successful Annual General Meeting held in Halifax. There was some concern about the frequent changes in personnel at the NSTU who look after many of the RTO's clerical concerns.

B) Vicky Parker reported on the February Presidents' Meeting she attended in place of Neil.

1. A guest speaker from the Law society presented them with a book titled "It's in Your Hands" addressing seniors legal concerns. The Society will also provide speakers- if available - to talk about the topics in the book. Vicky has approached them for a speaker, but we are a little out-of-the-way for many of their members.
2. RFID credit card wallets which prevent scanning by identity thieves, were purchased at the AGM for resale to our own members at cost - \$2 each.
3. Vicky mentioned that the NSCC, Middleton Campus, has been approached to have their students develop a shared website for the three RTO branches in the valley. This will be discussed further when the college reopens in the fall.
4. ACER/CART provided pamphlets for RTO members which include non-partisan questions for all candidates in the coming election. These questions deal with concerns of seniors.
5. The RTO has set aside \$10 000 to provide grants to branches for programs and projects.

C) Possible Speakers & Activities

1. Karl West, recently trained by the NS Hospice Palliative Care Association, is available to make a presentation on Advanced Care Planning.
2. A possible wine tour will be discussed with the members during the following AGM.
3. The executive will meet in the summer to discuss the Not-Back-to-School Breakfast and delegate responsibilities for it and the coming year's meetings and activities.

D) Nominees for Executive

Albert Johnson provided a list of nominees for the executive positions. Elections will be held during the AGM. The nominees are:

President - Vicky Parker
Vice-President - Linda MacNeil
Treasurer - Gordon MacDonald
Secretary - Glen Pulley
Membership - Eric Brown

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Vicky so moved.

Recorded by Glen Pulley, Secretary and Amended by Vicky Parker, President

Retired Teachers Organization - Annapolis Co.
Annual General Meeting - June 17, 2015

Venue: End of the Line Pub, Bridgetown, NS with 22 members, one spouse and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Neil MacNeil

There was moment of silence for those teachers who are no longer with us,

1. Agenda: Mary Billard moved that the agenda be accepted. This was seconded by Mary Lou Rockwell.....Motion Accepted

2. Speaker: Theresa MacLean was introduced by Vicky Parker. Theresa, a Bridgetown naturopath, gave an interesting presentation on dealing with joint pain using exercise and supplements.

* The meeting was suspended for lunch at 12:08 p.m. Al Peppard gave the grace.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were provided to the members earlier. Secretary Glen Pulley moved they be accepted. Al Peppard seconded.
.....Motion Accepted

4. Treasurers Report. Treasurer Gord MacDonald presented his report with a new balance of \$1755.89. He moved the report be accepted. Richard Petley-Jones seconded.Motion Accepted

5. Business Arising: None

6. Old Business:

A) Vicky Parker reported on the newsletter inviting anyone to submit information or articles about the activities, travels, talents, etc, of our members. Future editions will include profiles of executive members. Members were reminded to pass on their new contact information when changes occur.

B) Neil MacNeil reported on the successful retirement dinner and read the list of new retirees who will be recognized at the Not-Back-to-School Breakfast in the fall.

7. New Business:

A) There was a brief discussion of the Annual General Meeting held in Halifax earlier in the month. It was announced that \$10 000 will be available to branches for beneficial projects and programs. Appointments to the various provincial committees

normally announced at this meeting will be made later in June when the new executive meets.

B) Vicky Parker reported on the February Presidents' Meeting she attended in place of Neil.

1. The Law Society made a presentation on legal issues seniors do or may face, and provided everyone with a book "It's in Your Hands" which deals with these issues. They also volunteered to send one of their members to talk to interested seniors groups. Vicky has asked them to attend one of our meetings, but no one is available in our area at this time.

2. The NSCC Middleton Campus has been approached to have students develop a shared website for the three RTO's in the valley. This will be followed up in the fall when the students return to class.

3. With a federal election this fall, ACER/CART has provided pamphlets listing a series of non-partisan questions related to seniors issues for all candidates. Copies were provided to attending members.

4. RFID credit card cases purchased at the provincial AGM were made available to members at cost - \$2.

C) Future Speakers & Activities

1. Karl West, recently trained by the NS Hospice Palliative Care Association, is available to make a presentation on Advanced Care Planning.

2. A possible wine tour in Annapolis County was introduced. Details will follow in the summer to see if there is enough interest.

D) Election

Albert Johnson provided a list of nominees for the local executive positions for this coming year. Following electoral procedures, all nominees were acclaimed. The new executive includes:

President - Vicky Parker

Vice-President - Linda MacNeil

Secretary - Glen Pulley

Treasurer - Gordon MacDonald

Membership - Eric Brown

Past President - Neil MacNeil

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.....so moved by David Diggins

Recorded by Glen Pulley - Secretary RTO Annapolis;
Amended by Vicky Parker -President