

National Association of Federal Retirees
South-East New Brunswick / Section du Sud-Est du Nouveau
Brunswick
Branch 64

MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Karen MacGregor at 10:00 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

There were no new Members present at the meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 24th meeting were presented by Elizabeth Steeves. Moved by Lise Bourque; seconded by Ted Reardon that the Minutes be accepted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Jo-Ann Milburn presented the Treasurer's Report for November 1st through December 31 2017. Balance as of October 31st \$2,329.09; Total Receipts were \$6,104.73; Total Expenses \$3,459.77; leaving a Cash Balance at December 31st of \$4,974.05.

Jo-Ann moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; seconded by Norma Jeanne Lavoie. Motion Carried.

Membership Report

Jack Dennahower advised that the current Branch membership is 2,497; this is an increase of 23 members since last meeting.

Luncheon and Banquet Reports

Luncheon

Lorraine has luncheon tickets available for February 23, 2018 and April 27, 2018.

Banquet

Norma Jeanne advised that the June 4 2018 NAFR Banquet will be held at the same venue as last year, the Four Points Sheraton. Tickets will be on sale at the February meeting; let Lavoie's know if you have any food allergies.

Anyone going south can reserve a banquet ticket now. Master of Ceremonies at the Banquet will be Claude Curwin.

Caring Committee

Sheila advised that Norma Jeanne and Chuck Lavoie, volunteers at Shediac's Vestiaire St-Joseph Toy Land Angels are planning on hanging up their wings after twelve years of gathering donations for underprivileged families, all in honour of the memory of their late son Sean Noel (Diz) Denton. There was a round of applause from meeting attendees for Lavoie's many years of volunteer service.

Sheila Huntley reported condolences sent to families for the following deaths:

Andrea R Bennett, Rolande Dalley, Alabertine Thibodeau, Loretta Brinton, Ida Farrow, Rodrigue Niles, Norman Despres, Hazel L Smith, Eleanor M Kaye, Keith Anderson and member's wife Sylvia Boyd. **A Minute of silence was recognized in honour of departed members.**

Nominations Committee

Paul Cassidy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee stated the current list of nominations being presented to the general membership. They are President Karen MacGregor, 1st Vice Lise Bourque, 2nd Vice Paul Cassidy, Secretary Elizabeth Steeves, Treasurer Jo-Ann Milburn, and Directors Dorothy Burns, Claude Curwin, Bill Goobie, Lorraine Casey, Don MacGregor, Jack Dennahower, Linda Lindsay, Chuck Lavoie and Norma Jeanne Lavoie. No additional candidate names were submitted from the floor. Paul advised Nominations are now closed; and you have just elected your Board for 2018. Installation of officers will take place at the February 23rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Leonard LeBlanc

Regarding the Public Service Health Care Plan - current status is that no court date has yet been set to hear the Appeal; this is expected to be in April. Three Judges will hear the Appeal.

Regarding the Phoenix problems - Retirees affected, some are even delaying retirement and some are not putting names forward for promotions. The National office is doing a survey of recent retirees to determine the impact on Association members.

Training will become available for the Branches in areas of Membership, Recruitment and Advocacy.

Regarding the recent hearing aid discount being offered Mr. LeBlanc advised that negotiations are underway seeking Preferred Partners that are located in communities more accessible to the membership.

Guest Speaker, Mathieu Landry BA

Eugene Niles introduced today's guest speaker Mathieu Landry who discussed Mental Health issues, including Mental Health issues for the elderly. Mr. Landry has been with the Wellness Branch of Department of

Social Development since 2014 and as Regional Wellness Consultant his role is to promote Wellness Strategy, support wellness partners in delivering their services by providing them with expertise and tools. He discussed how our mental fitness is improved when our needs for Competence, Autonomy and Relatedness are met. Mr. Landry provided handouts for the group and the website for anyone wanting further information - wellnessnb.ca

Suggestion Box

Karen advised there is now a Suggestion Box located on the 50/50 table at the entrance for members to put forward their ideas pertaining to meetings or anything at all. The Board would like to hear from you.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Nil

50/50 DRAW

Jo-Ann Milburn and Lorraine Casey were the lucky recipients of today's draw, each received \$31.50.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next NAFR Branch 64 SE General Membership Meeting
FEBRUARY 23RD 2018 (AGM & INSTALLATION AND LUNCHEON)