

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

MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly General Membership Meeting was held on Friday September 28 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Moncton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Moved by Elizabeth Steeves; seconded by Claude Curwin. Motion carried.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

There were no new Members present at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Jo-Ann Milburn presented the Treasurer's Reports for April through August 2018. For month April, Total Receipts were \$928.60; Total Expenses \$3,484.57; leaving Cash Balance as of April 30th at \$4,631.97.

May 1st - August 31st Total Receipts \$11,216.91; Total Expenses \$9,646.27; leaving a Cash Balance August 31st at \$6,202.61.

Jo-Anne Milburn moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; seconded by Ted Reardon. Motion Carried.

Membership Report

Jack Dennahower advised that the current Branch membership is 2,960.

Luncheon and Banquet Reports

Luncheon - Lorraine Casey reported that Luncheon tickets are now available for purchase for upcoming dates: November 30th 2018, February 22nd and April 26th 2019.

Banquet - Norma Jeanne Lavoie advised that our Branch 64 Banquet will be held June 3rd 2019.

Caring Committee

Sheila reported that Condolences have been sent to families for the following deaths:

Elizabeth Ann Hansen, Linda May Logan, Raymond Babineau, Robert Kirkpatrick, Aubrey Burns, Donat Arsenault, Jean Barks, Francis Shea, Shirley Lee, Sterling Hughes, Charles LeBlanc, Yvon Allain, Guelda Elizabeth Cogger, Robert J Comeau and Alain JP Borgeois as well as non-member John Wride (*brother of Brian Wride*).

A Minute of silence was recognized in honour of departed members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Norma Jeanne Lavoie introduced our **Guest Speaker, Lynne Fraser Goodwin** a Living Skills Specialist for CNIB for the past 24 years. Accompanying Lynne, was **Lisa Robichaud, a Manager with Major Gifts for CNIB NB**. This year is CNIB's 100th anniversary. Lynne, as Living Skills Specialist, helps keep people stay in their home and she also teaches braille and reminded us that CNIB works with all degrees of vision loss, not just the blind. A variety of counselling services are available, including for youth and regarding technology. Anyone can refer someone to CNIB who would then contact with the individual. All services are free. Items such as large print telephones, playing cards etc are available for purchase, also we were told that most banks offer large print cheques. Lin provided pamphlets with additional information. Lisa Robichaud added that October 18th is their grand opening; everyone is invited to drop in and see more of what's available at Vision Loss Rehabilitation Services/CNIB.
- **1st Call for Nominations for NAFR SE NB Branch 64 Management Team**
Paul Cassidy as chair the Nominating Committee for the 2018 election of directors and officers advised that all positions are open. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve were asked to contact Paul. The election of officers will be at the AGM meeting in February 2019.
- **Information Sessions - any interest in learning opportunities outside regular meetings**
Karen queried whether there would be any interest in learning sessions, of approximately two to three hours duration, if we can get speakers from outside, possibly to present on topics like fraud, first aid for seniors, fire safety or wills. There appeared to be significant interest from the membership and feedback suggested "fraud" as a topic and that we choose a location with access to internet.
Karen will have this further researched and report back at an upcoming meeting.

Karen drew attention to the Sage magazine Fall Issue, topic At Your Service, which offers contact information helpful when navigating Canada's health and pension services. (*i.e. postal addresses, toll free numbers, web sites*)
- **National Seniors Strategy - input from membership**
National Office is running a campaign for a National Seniors Strategy and Branches area asked to support the campaign by meeting with MPs. What is most important to you? Pharmacare, seniors care? Come talk to Karen if you have any input. See NAFR website, Seniors Strategy.
Karen queried whether any members had participated in the Town Hall event held August 28th; a few members indicated they had participated.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Nil

50/50 DRAW

The lucky recipients of today's draw were Brenda Teed and Cheryl Cummings; each received \$45.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

NAFR SE NB Branch 64 General Meeting – NOVEMBER 30 2018 (2nd Call Nominations) & lunch