

N.B.S.R.T. CHARLOTTE BRANCH

SPRING LUNCHEON

May 30, 2019

St. Paul's Hall

Grand Harbor, NB

Tom Hendershot welcomed everyone to the spring luncheon of the Charlotte Branch NBSRT.

Tony Huntjens led the group in singing O Canada.

Robbie Griffin said grace.

Tim Stuart thanked the church members who prepared and served the delicious luncheon of crab cakes, seafood chowder and assorted pies.

Tony Huntjens read the names of those teachers who passed away since our last meeting. Nadine Holmes lit the memorial candle. A moment of silence was observed for Duncan McGeachy and Gordon Matheson.

Tom introduced Robbie Griffin, our guest speaker for the luncheon. Robbie gave a very interesting, informative and amusing talk on the history, geology and economy of Grand Manan. Some firsts in NB education happened on Grand Manan Island – first bussing of students, first cafeteria, and first high school to offer Academic, Industrial, Home Economics and Business courses. Tom thanked Robbie and gave him a gift of appreciation from our branch.

Wayne Spires presented Certificates of Appreciation to members for their contributions to our local branch. The recipients this year are: Marguarette Mitchel, Jane Garnett, Tony Huntjens, Lee Miller, Jean Zazelenchuck, Marjorie Caldwell, Chris Flemming, Kathy Carter, Linda Justason, and Tom Hendershot.

Wayne will be running for the office of President of the NBSRT in the next election.

Wayne Spires presented the nominating committee report and called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Wayne then installed the new officers. His report is attached.

Tim Stuart attended the ASDS Turn-around Achievement Award evening on behalf of NBSRT Charlotte Branch. There were nine students this year receiving the award. Tim read the thank you note and the plaque that was given to the branch in appreciation of our support.

Lynn Farmakoulas gave the treasurer's report. Since last spring we have given out seven School Grants, each worth \$250 and contributed \$500 to the ASDS Turn-around Award. We presently have \$2892.80 in our account. Lynn's report is attached.

Lynn also reminded everyone that we have a Facebook page – NBSRT Charlotte Branch.

Bill Peppard, local NBSRT Wellness Committee representative, spoke about the provincial committee. He said we would have a wellness activity on our return voyage on the Grand Manan ferry. Plans are in the making for a local wellness event at King's Brae Gardens in the fall.

Tom then gave a brief overview of the provincial AGM, held in May in Bathurst. Tom also attended the NBTA Luncheon for newly retiring teachers. We have eleven teachers retiring in our area. Tom reminded everyone that the fall luncheon will once again be held at the community college in Saint Andrews.

The meeting ended with the singing of "God Save the Queen", led by Tony.

There being no further business, Tom adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nadine Holmes, Secretary