

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
December 14th, 2016

The fourth regular monthly meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, at the Boys and Girls Club. President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with some 24 members in attendance. After "O Canada", Gordon Mouland was cajoled into leading the members in a Carol sing-a-long. A moment of silence was held in respect for departed member Dennis Knibb. Minutes of the October 19th meeting was read by Secretary Willard Buckley, seconded by Peter Jolly, and passed. President Robert introduced guest and prospective member Andrew McPherson. Members Bob James, George McCaughey, Dave Fraser and Frank Irwin were mentioned as either not being hale or recovering. Treasurer Don Mitchener reported 3 more members had paid dues, for a total of 30 members paid; about \$275 revenue over expenses, with \$75.00 to be paid for insurance. For upcoming programs, Vice-president John Doyle reporter Coleen Mitchell for January, Don Mitchener for February, and a St. Patrick's program for March.

In the President's report, President Robert mentioned a fund raising request from Air Cadets 527 (denied); National will be having their 30th Anniversary; and our club will be having our 25th Anniversary in September, 2017. As we are required to have permanent mailing address and e-mail, they are in place, and are – Club Mailing Address – c/o Boys and Girls Club, 1 Paul Harris St., P.O. Box 2441, Saint John, N.B., E2L 3V9; Club e-mail – anything@sjprobus.ca. It was moved by Ralph Wood, seconded by Gordon Mouland that our Annual Meeting be moved to May, approved. A contribution of \$500.00 was given to Amy Shanks, Boys And Girls Club.

The 60/40 draw raised \$82.00, with \$20.00 withheld, and Jim Shillington the winner, graciously donating the winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

After coffee and conversation, guest musicians The Saint John String Quartet, represented by David Adams, violin; Danielle Sametz, violin; Sonja Adams, cello; Chris Buckley, viola, entertained us. At 11:45 a.m., we adjourned for special seasonal dinner, with some 22 members partaking.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary