

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
December 13th. 2017

The regular December meeting of our 2017-2018 season was held Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at the Boys and Girls Club. President Ed O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcoming about 36 members and guests. After the singing of "O Canada", Gordon Mouland led us in three songs, of which two were successfully sung. Secretary Willard Buckley asked for a motion for the adoption of the Minutes of the November 15th, 2017 meeting as distributed in "The Phoghorn". Motion was made by Gordon Dempsey, seconded by Robert Taylor, and approved by the membership. Treasurer Don Mitchener presented the Financial Report, showing an excess of Revenue over Expenses of \$563.39. Motion to accept the Report by Brian Mitchell, seconded by Bill Covert, approved by the membership. President Ed introduced his guest Murray Gilchrist; George McCaughey introduced his guest Chip Lawton; Tom Craig introduced his guest Bob Bustin; Don LeBlanc introduced his guest Sid Lohdi; and Carl Tompkins introduced his guest Robyn Humphries.

In Membership news, we were saddened to learn of Fenton Keirstead at home with a crushed lumbar; Bob James and Tom Jarrett both in the hospital, and Bill Banbury recuperating at home. Sympathy cards were signed by the members and mailed.

Three members attempted the Allegedly Fabulous Funnies - Carl Tompkins, Peter Jolly and Ralph Wood.

A motion to pay Boys and Girls Club \$300.00 for their services was made by Robert Taylor, seconded by Tom Craig, and passed by the membership.

President Ed O'Keefe welcomed Tony Brooke, sponsored by Ralph Wood and Ralph Murray, as our newest member, presenting him with the PROBUS pin, his name tag, membership package and car decal.

Bill Covert read from "Saint John Snippets", mentioning Robin's Drug store and its' "Magic Eye".

Amy Shanks, Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club of Saint John, was presented with our cheque of \$300.00 by President Ed. Ms. Shanks reported briefly on the success of the Club's summer camps.

Vice President John Doyle reported on the coming months programs:

January – Victoria Clark; February – Keith Dow; March – Harold Wright and David Goss; April – Bev Franklin; May – Bernard Cormier.

The draw for \$107.00, (\$127.00 collected, \$20.00 withheld) was won by Honorary Lifetime Member Gordon White, who donated the winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Carl Tompkins introduced The Saint John String Quartet: David Adams and Danielle Sametz – violins; Sonja Adams – cello; Christopher Buckley – viola. Carl also thanked the Quartet, presenting them each with our Anniversary mug.

About 32 stayed for our December dinner, which included full turkey plate buffet and two different pies for dessert.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary