

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
March 22nd, 2017

The seventh regular meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017, at the Boys and Girls Club, a week delayed because of inclement weather the week before. President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with about 22 members attending. After the welcoming, and “O Canada:, our sing-a-long was led by Gordon Moulard. A Moment of Silence was held in Memoriam of Wylie McGinley and Florence Cosman. The Minutes of our February 22nd, 2017 meeting was read by Secretary Willard Buckley, seconded by Bill Covert and approved. In news of members, Carl Tompkins, Gordon Graham, Bob James and George McCaughey were mentioned. The Treasurer's Report was read by Don Mitchener, with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$535.00 as of March 9th, 2017, and 2 more members paying dues, increasing the revenue by another \$60.00, report seconded by John Doyle and approved. Vice President John Doyle reminded us that our April 19th speaker to be Fred Horgan, and our May 17th speaker to be David Goss. President Robert reported our PROBUS flag had flown March 6 – 10 at City Hall; our Annual General Meeting will be May 17th, with an election of new officers. Volunteers for any of the Positions will be welcomed.

Secretary Willard spoke on the possibility of offering a PROBUS 25th anniversary mug to be given in thanks to our speakers, with the opportunity for the members to purchase as well. Approval to proceed with the purchase from Key Industries presented by Ed O'keefe, seconded by John Doyle. If finalized, it was suggested a letter to Mrs. Ross Coates be forwarded, relating how some of the proceeds of her late husband's bequest was fulfilled. Humorous anecdotes and jokes were offered by President Robert, Brian Mitchell, Ralph Murray, Ralph Wood and John Doyle. After the break, the draw of \$51.00, less \$10.00 withheld, was won by Ed Creaser. We were entertained by an enthusiastic Irish themed program from Ron Watters and Barry Snodgrass. Our speaker, Ms. Terry Mullin, spoke on the Irish troubles, and hunger strikes in Northern Ireland during the '60s and '70s. An intense question and answer period followed. Meeting adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Some 13 members and Ms. Mullin stayed for the optional lunch of shepherd's pie, caesar salad and garlic bread.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary