

PROBUS MEETING January 16, 2019

V.P. Don LeBlanc in the chair.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. First item was the singing of **O' Canada**. Sing-along was led by **Murray Driscoll and Gordon Moulard**.

Don LeBlanc mentioned that license plate covers are still available for \$3 each.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting, December, as published in *The Phoghorn* newspaper. Motion to accept as published by **John Doyle** seconded by **Tor Bordevik**.

Discussion arising from the minutes; **Don LeBlanc and Don Mitchener** discussed the upcoming **NB Adoption Foundation Luncheon** January 28, 2019 at the Delta Ballroom at 11:30. No ticket fee. **Probus** could get some publicity by reserving a table for ten if the interest is there. Parking very limited at The Delta.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Robert Taylor** is away on vacation. No formal report presented. **Don LeBlanc** assumes we have approximately \$1,700.⁰⁰ in the bank.

History of Saint John: **Bill Covert** was away, **Mike England** read from **David Goss** Snippets book regarding the **Saint John Forum** which was built in 1932 and burned in 1967 and the original library which was developed in 1844 on Germain Street.

Guests & Membership: **Howard Pearn** introduced **Don Connolly** as a new member. **Tom Craig** introduced new members **Jim Jennex** and **Larry Krogsdale**. The three received their name tags, certificates, binders and membership pins. Welcome all!

Gordon Young received his 20-year pin from **Don LeBlanc**.

Lunch: Twenty-one stayed for **Shepherd's Pie**.

Upcoming Programs:

John Doyle has arranged someone from the **Tool Shed** and a **Yoga instructor** for **February**.

In **March** **Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters** to perform as well as a speaker - _____ McDevitt.

In **April**, **Bill McMackin** will speak about new **Field House**.

May TBA.

V.P. President's Report: **Don LeBlanc** is to speak at the Saint John Library February 16 at 7 pm about the life of Benedict Arnold, as a part of Heritage Week February 10 to 18, 2019.

New Business: Tom Craig discussed our donation of \$400 to the **Boys and Girls club** seeming to be inadequate. This was also reiterated by Ralph Woods. It was explained by Willard Buckley; the donation was to reflect \$100 per month for September to December 2018. It was recommended we donate \$600 in May. It was decided to hold off on making a motion until President Ed's return in March.

Funnies: None were forthcoming despite asking 3 times!

Coffee and conversation.

Club ticket draw \$89.00 in pool, \$44.50 won by Ralph Murray, the other \$44.50 is to be presented to The Boys and Girls Club.

Our GUEST SPEAKER

Willard Buckley introduced **Janet Scott** from **Enterprise Saint John** speaking on economic development in our district consisting of Quispamsis, Rothesay, St. Martins, Saint John and Grand Bay-Westfield all of which contribute to the running of the organization.

A new name is to be unveiled over the next two weeks – **Economic Development Greater Saint John**. Janet gave a very informative power point presentation. Janet was thanked by **Wes Cosman** and presented with **a 25th Anniversary Probus coffee mug**.

Adjournment for the optional lunch of **Shepherd's Pie**.