

## PROBUS CLUB of SAINT JOHN MONTHLY MEETING

Call to order 10:00 January 15, 2020

**Welcome** – *President Don LeBlanc* chaired the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

*Gordon Mouland* accompanied by *Murray Driscoll* led the singing of *O Canada* and two pieces from our song book.

**Memoriams** of our *PROBUS* members; *Randy Giffin* had a pacemaker installed. *Ed O’Keefe’s* wife has been ill. *John Watson* had a knee operation. *Neville Russell*, new member last month, fell and fractured his hip. *Don Connolly’s* wife is ill. *Bill Bambury* is in hospital. *Richard Burpee* is in hospital.

**Minutes of last meeting** – A motion by *Willard Buckley* was seconded by *David Flewelling* to accept the minutes as presented in the latest issue of *The Phoghorn*. A correction was noted that our new *Canada flag* and pole were obtained from *MP Wayne Long by John Doyle*.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Robert Taylor indicated the Club has \$1866 in the bank. Robert’s written report indicated we have 45 renewals, three new members and one honorary member. His written report is attached. It was noted that several late renewals were received at the January Meeting. It was moved by Gord Dempsey and seconded by Peter Morris to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**Guests** – Three guests were introduced by **Don LeBlanc**: *Blake Brodersen*, a retired businessman, *Frank McCary* the former CEO of Saint John Transit and *Carl White* who retired from a non-profit and was formerly City Councilor and Director of The Boys and Girls Club.

**Lunch Count** – 26 indicated they would stay for the lunch of lasagna.

**Upcoming Programs** – **John Doyle** has the following guest speakers lined up:

**February** – *Kelly Evans, Saint John Community Association*

**March** - *Jim Wilson, Bird Man*

**April** - *Victoria Clarke, Discover Saint John*

**May** - *Bridgett Oland – Crosby’s*

**President’s Report** – President Don LeBlanc indicated at our Executive Meeting it was decided to get \$15.00 *Tim Horton’s* gift cards to include with our **PROBUS** mugs as gifts for our speakers. Five gift cards have been obtained to finish the current year. We were happy to have **Murray Driscoll** back to play piano this month, he did a wonderful job even though he had injured a finger. Murray explained that scheduling of meetings interferes with this day each month. *Don Tompkins* plans to rejoin **PROBUS** and has offered to help with piano accompaniment.

Don thanked **Willard Buckley** for updating our Membership List.

Don discussed the possibility of having an outing for lunch to one of the newer Seniors Complexes. A show of hands indicated an interest. John Doyle is to explore.

**New Business** – **Tom Craig** discussed raising the **PROBUS Flag** at City Hall during **PROBUS Week** in March. It was decided not to go to City Hall as the flag is permanently displayed at the **Boys and Girls Club**.

**Snippets** – **Bill Covert** read from **David Goss**' book about the introduction of the right side of road driving in 1922. In 1960 **HMCS Bonaventure Aircraft Carrier** was at the Saint John Dry Dock for repairs. In 1959 a **Harbour Pilot** boat sank with the loss of seven lives.

**Allegedly Fabulous Funnies** – Jokes were submitted by **Gordon Dempsey, Carl Tompkins, Mack Pike and Mike England**.

Break for coffee and conversation.

**Club draw** – **Don Mitchner** won the pot of \$83.00.

**Guest Speaker** – **Robert Taylor** introduced **Lisa Golden** of the **Estey Art Initiative**. Lisa gave a very interesting presentation. The organization operates in many elementary schools throughout the Province offering two hours per week of art instruction to Grade 3, 4 and 5 students. Instruction takes place after school hours and has motivated many students to become creative, interactive and self confident. They operate in all school districts in New Brunswick. **Don Mitchner** who won the Club draw donated his winnings to the **Estey Art Initiative**. Several members wanted information on how they could contribute. Lisa was presented with a **PROBUS Mug and Tim's Gift Card** and thanked by **Mack Pike**.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

**Chip Lawton**

Recording Secretary