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Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday December 18th which will be our annual Christmas luncheon with entertainment by the Saint John String Quartet.

Minutes of November meeting

Minutes of October 16th were summarized and accepted with one correction: under Guests, Gordon Dempsey introduced Peter Milburn, not Peter Milberry.

New Member: Kendall Higgins of Higgins Insurance in the KV, joined and was pinned.

Guests: Jim Shillington introduced David Price, Ralph Furness and Rev. Paul Brown.

Member News: Don Jobe had knee surgery and also stints in his heart.

Member Profile: Robert Taylor told two stories from moments illustrating past ineptitudes.

Finances: We have \$1394 on hand.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported that we have 55 memberships including those paid today. He will be away until April, and Willard Buckley will look after memberships while he is gone.

Communications: Ralph Wood noted that we need a photographer so we can send pictures to the web site. Brian Mitchell took some pictures today.

House Committee: Gordon Mouland booked 27 for chicken pot pie lunch.

Phoghorn: Ralph reported that Tom Neill will be the new Editor. Snail mail is being phased out, and after December it will be issued from the web site rather than UPS. Copies will be available at meetings.

60 / 40 Draw: Ralph announced that henceforth the money will be given to the winner who will decide privately what to do with it: give it to the Boys and Girls Club and get a tax receipt for 100%, or to another charity, or keep it. Today's winner was Ralph Wood who won \$129; while some may be suspicious that he kept it, the Secretary has faith!

Brochures: The Secretary has obtained updated copies of the national brochure, and Ed O'Keefe is developing a local brochure to go with it.

Constitution and ByLaws: Ralph thanked Willard and Tor for their review of these. Suggested changes were made available, and will be voted on at the January meeting.

After the Coffee break Jim Quinn CEO of Port of Saint John was introduced by Jim Shillington who first drew the 60/40 winner who happened to be yours truly who did in fact donate the winnings to the Boys and girls club, my first win in 7 years.

Jim went on to update us with the operations and plans of the port for the future. This interesting presentation prompted many questions so much so that they had to be curtailed for lunch. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Presidents remarks

It was heartening to see another excellent turnout and to welcome Kendall as a new member. I would remind members that Membership fees are past due and should you be delinquent please pay up as soon as possible. I look forward to our Christmas Luncheon let's see if we can fill the hall. If you can't make it sincere Christmas Greetings to all and lets look forward to making 2014 a banner year for our club.

Now for those much anticipated

FUNNIES

No Santa jokes you've heard them all,
and no Christmas music you've heard enough while being dragged round the malls.

My long lost brother was telling a little of his life when we were reunited
“Then I became a personal trainer in a gym, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.
Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.
I tried being a teacher, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.
I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.
I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs, and I got the shaft.
I sold origami, but the business folded.
Finally:
I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.
I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.
I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.
I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.
I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.
I worked at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.
So I've retired, and I find I'm a perfect fit for this job.”

Christmas planning list Martha Stewart style.

December 17

Child proof the Christmas tree with garland of razor wire.

December 19

Adjust legs of chairs so each Christmas dinner guest will be same height when sitting at his or her assigned seat.

December 20

Dip sheep and cows in egg whites and roll in confectioner's sugar to add a festive sparkle to the pasture.

December 21

Drain city reservoir; refill with mulled cider, orange slices and cinnamon sticks.

December 22

Float votive candles in toilet tank.

December 23

Seed clouds for white Christmas.

December 24

Do my annual good deed. Go to several stores. Be seen engaged in last minute Christmas shopping, thus making many people feel less inadequate than they really are.

December 25

Bear son. Swaddle. Lay in color coordinated manger scented with homemade potpourri.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Phoghorn readers.