

**Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
October 9, 2018**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the PARTA Regular Meeting, October 9, 2018. This summary does not serve as the official minutes of the meeting. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information contained within this report, please use the contact information on our website to speak with a PARTA Executive member.

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The President called the meeting to order with 33 members and a guest speaker present. Minutes of September 11th Regular Meeting were adopted. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report.

Business arising from the Minutes

PARTA does not have a Lifetime Member category. The annual membership fee is \$5.00 per year, due in September, the beginning of the fiscal year. Members can pay multiple years as they wish.

Reports

Highlights from the ARTA Annual General Meeting, October 2-3, 2018 were presented:

- No changes were made in ARTA Table Officers and Executive.
- ARTA now has an elected official for ACER-CART, the national organization of retired teachers.
- The ATA President and Vice-President spoke about their pledge for public education in Alberta.
- An ARTF representative provided an update on the progress of our pension fund.

Announcements

- PARTA members regularly attend local ATA meetings on behalf of ARTA and PARTA.
- PARTA presented a \$150 cheque to support the Alberta Retired Teachers' Charitable Foundation.
- The recent *news&views* contains contributions from two of our PARTA members.
- Calgary Retired Teachers' Travel Club is planning a second trip to China this year and a long-stay vacation in Portugal for next year.
- The Annual ARTA Golf Tournament will be on June 6, 2019 at The Ranch Golf Club at Acheson. It is an 18-hole Texas Scramble at a cost of \$125/player.
- A breakfast, sponsored by LEAF Edmonton, will be held October 22 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Sutton Place Hotel in Edmonton. The speaker's topic will be the law as it applies to women in Canada. Contact partacontact@canadasurfs.net for details.
- Upcoming PARTA meetings are November 6th and December 4th

Adjournment

Presentation: Gary Swatsky, Chief Operating Officer for ARTA spoke about and answered questions regarding ARTA plan changes over the past year, upcoming plan changes effective November 1st and emergency travel coverage.