

**Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of  
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)  
November 6, 2018**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the PARTA Regular Meeting, November 6, 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 26 members present, including three new members. The Secretary-Treasurer read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement. Minutes of October 9th Regular Meeting were approved. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report.

### **New Business**

- A Motion was passed to make a \$250.00 contribution to the 2019 Second Wind Conference.
- A Motion was passed to contribute \$150.00 to each of the Parkland Food Bank and the Kinnettes Christmas Hampers.
- A Motion was passed to present a \$75.00 honorarium to the Broxton Park School music program

### **President's Report – Iona Robertson**

- As Chairperson of the ARTA Strategic Planning and Advocacy Committee, the President has chaired three committee meetings in October.
- She and her husband attended the Parkland Induction and Retirement Ceremony on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Spruce Grove.
- The Parkland ATA office forwarded the invitation to today's PARTA meeting to the new retirees on our behalf. We continue to work well together with the ATA Local 10, with a PARTA attendee at all monthly meetings.
- At their request, the President has shared the Parkland Area Retired Teachers' Bylaws and Policies and Procedures with the Northwestern Retired Teachers' Association.

### **Announcements**

- Executive Administrative Assistant, Lisa Sissons, is the newest ARTA staff member. Previously employed by Alberta Health Services, she joined ARTA on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ARTA is holding a Book Drive for *Operation Friendship Seniors' Society*. Drop your lightly used fiction or non-fiction books (no textbooks) at the ARTA offices by November 15<sup>th</sup>. All donors will be entered to win one of six ARTA prizes.
- The President shared the results of the *ARTA Time of your Life Wellness Challenge 2018*.
- Deadline for the ARTA Writing Contest is November 16. More entries are needed.
- The President explained the meaning of the ARTA logo.
- Consider applying for a Director's position on the ARTA Charitable Foundation. The President has application forms for interested candidates.
- The next PARTA meeting will be held December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Presentation: Remembrance Day Observance**

**John McCrae and the Significance of the Poppy** – Iona Robertson