

**Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
December 4, 2018**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the PARTA Regular Meeting, December 4, 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 30 members present, including two new members. Members were entertained by Ecole Broxton Park School Handbell Choir. The Secretary-Treasurer read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement. Minutes of November 6th Regular Meeting were approved. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. Bank balance is \$900.97.

Business Arising from Minutes

- \$150.00 donations were made to Parkland Food Bank and to Kinettes Christmas Hampers.
- Approximately 4000 books were presented to *Operation Friendship*, an agency for those 55+ who live in the Inner City. Update can be accessed on the ARTA website.

New Business

- A current PARTA member was elected as one of four new directors for the Charitable Foundation for a 2-year term.
- PARTA and HARTA websites can be accessed through www.artabranches.net. PARTA's website is currently being developed with the assistance of ARTA staff and the website designer.

President's Report

- The Board of Directors' Meeting, November 27-28, was well represented by PARTA members.
- Charitable Foundation Bylaws have been revised to reflect Directors' terms of service on the Foundation.
- The ARTA website includes updates to Policy and Procedures and Bylaws.
- The Aboriginal Acknowledgement Statement will be read before each meeting by all ARTA branches.
- Visit www.iBelieveinPublicEd.ca to sign on to the Pledge for Public Education and support the "Faces of Education" initiative of the ATA.
- ARTA Pension Committee has been made aware of changes to the pension, retroactive between 1992 and 1998.
- Health Benefits Committee is discussing issues relevant to our benefits regarding medicinal marijuana and its effects on our Trip Cancellation provisions.
- *newsviews* can be read online. Call Members' Services if you wish to cancel your hard copy of the magazine.
- The web design host for ARTA will be the host for all branches. PARTA website is in the developmental stages.
- The PARTA brochure will be updated to reflect the new ARTA logo and address.
- The next PARTA meeting will be held January 8th. 2019.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. Lunch and visiting followed.

