MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA) May 9, 2023

Statement of Welcome – No Business Meeting Today:

President, Iona Robertson, welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged meeting on Treaty 6 and 8 First Nations' land.

President's Report

- There were no ARTA or PARTA events since April 11 meeting.
- Members were reminded to consider serving the organization and putting their names forward for positions available at the June 13 AGM.
- Attention was drawn to bulletins offering opportunities to members.
- ARTA Board of Directors and Retreat, to be held in Jasper, May 22-25, will be attended by Iona Robertson, Laurie Semler and Ernest Clintberg. ARTA celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.
- A review of information from ARTA executive to the president about the partnership of ARTA with Chartwell was given. A conversation followed which indicated that PARTA members are still not satisfied with the terms of the memorandum of agreement between the 2 partners and wish to have the terminology reviewed and made more clear for ARTA members. President will continue dialogue with ARTA executive and advocate for the changes to create clarity – particularly the meaning of the term "Preferred Partner".

Program:

A time of fellowship and visiting followed the announcement/report given by the president. Members enjoyed a wonderful brunch provided by PK Catering and a singsong led by members, Brenda Hankinson and Judy Humeniuk.

The next meeting of PARTA is the Annual General Meeting, June 13, 2023.