

**MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
December 12, 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. She welcomed members and guests, Broxton Park School Choir under the direction of Erin Lampen and Crystal Brophy.

President's Report:

PARTA received a subsidy from ARTA of \$1520.00 to ensure the branch can continue to offer an array of programs to its members.

The President provided a brief report on the activities attended since our last PARTA meeting. She attended the ARTA Board of Directors meeting on November 21 and 22.

Information attained:

- ARTARx is the pharmacy service provided by ARTA.
- ARTAScripts is a publication regarding medicines and pharmaceutical/pharmacy information.
- Charitable Foundation is in great financial shape. Doug Gill is the new director.
- In January, 2024, a new ARTA office will open in Calgary to serve those members in the southern part of the province. The board gave Daniel authority to handle the legalities and construction needs of Stuart Olsen until 2032. The office is located in the Atrium, sharing with ATA and Orbit Insurance.
- There are presently 2276 ARTA members in British Columbia.

Announcements:

PARTA has received a request from the Edmonton Retired Teachers to continue our financial and physical support of their annual Second Wind Conference for 2024. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to make a donation in the amount of \$250.00.

The following dates and events are reserved for our upcoming meetings:

- January 9, 2024 - New Years' Breakfast catered by PK Catering.
- February 13, 2024 - Representative from Hearing Life Spruce Grove.
- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024 (Spring Breakfast)
- June 11, 2024 (AGM)

Presentation:

For the enjoyment of our members, forty-three students in the Broxton Park School Choir presented a wide array of Christmas songs, some old favorites and some new renditions.