

**MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
March 12, 2024**

Statement of Welcome

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

Treasurer's Report

Balance forward as of January 31, 2024 was \$2 927.75. Payment of \$480.43 was made to PK Catering, resulting in a current bank balance of \$2 447.32.

President's Report

- Laurie Semler, Ron Thompson and Iona Robertson attended a Board of Directors' meeting on February 27th-28th. Further information will be forthcoming once it is released by ARTA staff.
- Iona Robertson and Bill Fraser attended the ATA Local Regular meeting on March 6th. They provided a report on discussions regarding current contract settlement.
- Information regarding the ARTA Retreat will be forthcoming. There is opportunity for PARTA members to attend, if they wish.
- Update on Chartwell partnership with ARTA. Following discussion, it was noted that partnerships with ARTA are made in the best interests of our members.

Announcements

Cyber Crime Webinar, March 21 at 1:00 p.m. - Laurie Semler, Branch Representative, informed those present they are able to register online by following the link from ARTAFacts or by accessing the ARTA website and choosing "Upcoming Events".

Planning for the future of PARTA

The President put forth the idea of sharing the duties to prepare for and carry out our monthly meetings. Roles to be considered might include meeting room set-up, snacks, clean up, social group, membership renewals and speaker engagement. Two members volunteered to bring snacks for April and one member volunteered to help with clean up.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in small group discussion about the future of PARTA, and what members envision as we move forward. Members shared and discussed activities and topics of interest for future meetings and were requested to consider taking an active role in planning and/or leading programs and activities suitable for our group. Results will be collated and shared with our members.

Future meeting dates reserved for meetings include:

- April 9 - Regular Meeting
- May 14 - Breakfast Meeting at the Pioneer Museum with guest speaker, ARTA President, Deb Gerow. She will speak about the advantages of being an ARTA member.
- June 11 - Annual General Meeting

Meeting adjourned.