

**MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
April 9, 2024**

Statement of Welcome

President, Iona Robertson, welcomed members in attendance and acknowledged meeting on Treaty 6, 8 and 9 First Nations' Land.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a current bank balance of \$2 497.32. There are no outstanding transactions.

President's Report

- The President, together with Laurie Semler, Ernest Clintberg and Ron Thompson attended a Board of Directors' meeting on February 27th - 28th. ARTA members will receive important information as it is released by the ARTA staff.
- The President, together with Dodi McCann will attend the ARTA Retreat in Kananaskis in May.
- ARTA requires nominees for the Board of Trustees and for a position on the Benefit Trust Fund.
- HARTA is hosting a full-day Mini-Conference in Leduc on May 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Secretary, Judy Cruise, will forward the registration information to PARTA members.

Announcements

Our May 14th meeting will be held at the Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum in the Kinsmen Interpretive Center at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker at our gathering will be Deb Gerow, ARTA President. Lunch will follow the meeting. Darrold Quartly noted that all buildings will be open by that date. Further information will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

Recap and discussion of Members' Interest Survey

The President related the results from the Survey completed by members present at our March Meeting. Discussion followed.

Moving Forward/Succession Planning Discussion

Members were encouraged to consider a position with PARTA or ARTA. Those who are currently involved at both levels shared some of the many benefits resulting from participation within the organizations.

Ernie Clintberg noted that ARTA requires a nominee for the Board of Trustees and that the Benefit Trust Fund has a position currently open.

The President will continue to send letters of information about PARTA to new retirees through the Local ATA. Members suggested that the letter be sent to substitute teachers also.

The President noted PARTA is the only branch whose representatives attend Local ATA meetings and that this is welcomed by the teachers in the Local.

Iona Robertson reminded members that PARTA hosts an information booth at the Teachers' Convention each year.

Scholarships are awarded each year by ARTA.

Laurie Semler noted that "ARTA 101" helps practising teachers to become aware of the ARTA benefits group and the positive aspects of belonging.

A challenge was put forward for our members to invite a retiree to our meetings. Suggestions were made and discussed as to how to best achieve this.

Future Meeting Dates

May 14 - Breakfast Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Museum with guest speaker, Deb Gerow, ARTA President. She will speak about the advantages of being an ARTA member. Bring a partner or a friend.

June 11 - Annual General Meeting

Meeting adjourned.