

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

Statement of Welcome

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$2 204.08 at the beginning of September. Payments made include \$960.00 to Spruce Grove Golden Age Club for yearly rental for our meeting room and \$20.00 for a flash drive for file storage. A cash donation of \$30.00 and groceries were delivered to the Parkland Food Bank on behalf of PARTA. The Treasurer thanked members for their continued generosity.

President's Report:

- At a recent Second Wind Conference Zoom Meeting, it was agreed that ERTA will continue to work on establishing the feasibility of continuing with the Second Wind Conference. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.
- **ARTA/PARTA Membership** - Please ensure that your ARTA and PARTA annual memberships are up to date. ARTA will do online registration and e-transfers.
- The President attended the ATA Local 10 Zoom Meeting on November 6th. Superintendent, Shauna Boyce, gave a thorough report on the present government bills affecting schools, students and teachers. She tried to be reassuring that the legislation, should it be passed, will be dealt with in due course and that Parkland will follow the laws as they become implemented.
- Ms. Boyce announced that Parkland School Division has been given approval to build a new high school in Spruce Grove.
- Ron Thompson and our President will attend an ARTA Board of Directors' Meeting on November 26 and 27.

Discussion

Following discussion, members agreed that we will host a brunch in January. More information will be provided at our next meeting.

Announcements

The next PARTA meeting will be held December 10. Please consider bringing a friend.

Program ideas for the New Year include:

- Preparing an Emergency Evacuation Kit
- Using the AHS Medical "Green Sleeve"

The following dates are reserved for upcoming PARTA meetings:

December 10, 2024	January 14, 2025
February 11, 2025	March 11, 2025
April 8, 2025	May 13, 2025
June 10, 2025 (AGM)	

Meeting adjourned.