

**BRIEFING NOTES of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
January 14, 2025**

Statement of Welcome

President, Iona Robertson, welcomed all members and guests present. She introduced and welcomed guest, Spruce Grove Deputy Fire Chief, Trevor Mistol, who will speak today on the topics of **Personal Emergency Preparedness** and **Preparing an Emergency Evacuation Kit**.

The President acknowledged that we are meeting on Treaty 6 and 8 First Nations land.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported an opening bank balance in November of \$1 474.08. Expenses, including meeting supplies and December entertainment total \$288.99. Income includes this year's ARTA donation of \$1 370.00 and membership fees of \$30.00. This results in a current bank balance of \$2 585.09.

Judy Cruise informed members that she will not renew her position as Secretary-Treasurer in September and asked those interested in filling the position to inform the executive.

President's Report - There have been no provincial level meetings since our meeting of December 10th, 2024.

Upcoming meeting and events:

- **Feb 6-7** - North Central Teachers' Convention
- **Mark your calendars:**
 - i) **ARTA 2025 Photo Contest** - You must enter no later than 4:00 p.m., May 31. Information is available online (*contests@arta.net* or in ARTA publications, i.e. *News and Views*)
 - ii) **Edmonton Retired Teachers' Second Wind Conference** - September 11. More information to follow.

ARTA/PARTA Membership - Please ensure that your ARTA and PARTA annual memberships are up to date. ARTA will perform online registration and e-transfers.

Business Items:

1. **Donation to Second Wind Conference** - The President noted that PARTA contributed \$250.00 toward this event in 2024 and asked if the membership is willing to continue this expense. Discussion followed.

Motion: THAT PARTA contribute \$250.00 to the Second Wind Conference in September, 2025.

MOVED by Bill Fraser, **seconded** by Ernest Clintberg.

All in favor. Carried

2. **Donation to the Donor's Wall at the ARTA building in honor and memory of Irl Miller, our colleague and a founding member of PARTA.**

PARTA members currently involved with the Charitable Foundation spoke about the commitment of the Foundation to doing good work and to donate funds to worthy causes agreed upon by dedicated and exemplary individuals.

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that Irl Miller was a great advocate of ARTA and PARTA and that he was a dedicated member and advocate of the Charitable Foundation.

Motion: THAT PARTA contribute \$100.00 to the Charitable Foundation in memory of Irl Miller.

MOVED by Ernie Clintberg, seconded by Maxine Anderson.

All in favor. Carried

Announcements:

The following dates are reserved for our meetings throughout the year:

February 11, 2025

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 13, 2025

June 10, 2025 (AGM)

Meeting adjourned.

Presentation

President, Iona Robertson, introduced Mr. Trevor Mistol, member of the Spruce Grove Fire Department, specializing in Emergency Preparedness. His advice is to have sufficient supplies for 72 hours together with necessary items including medications, contact list, copy of important documents, phone charger, battery bank, etc. He provided common sense, relevant information and members left making plans to follow his advice to prepare their "Emergency Evacuation Kit".

Deputy Fire Chief, Spruce Grove:
Personal Preparedness
Emergency Evacuation Kit