

**Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
May 13, 2025**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the PARTA Regular Meeting, May 13, 2025. This summary does not serve as the official minutes of the meeting. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information contained within this report, please use the contact information on our website to speak with a PARTA Executive member.

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed members and today's guest speaker. The President read the Treaty 6 and 8 Acknowledgement Statement.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted.

President's Report

- The President attended the ATA Local 10 meeting on May 7 and presented a summary of ARTA Scholarships, the ARTA 101 Program and the ARTA Open House on May 15.
- The President will attend the Annual ARTA Retreat on May 26-29 at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise and will provide a report at the June meeting.
- She reminded members to check ARTAFacts for upcoming events and information.

New Business and Delegates' Reports

- The Secretary-Treasurer announced that she will be retiring from her position as of June, 2025 and encouraged members to consider volunteering to fill the position.
- The ARTA Photo Contest deadline is May 31st.
- The Second Wind Conference will be held in September. The President reminded members that a Motion was passed at our January 14th meeting to provide a \$250.00 donation to the Conference. A cheque in this amount has been forwarded to the Conference Committee.
- PARTA November meeting date falls on Remembrance Day. Options include moving the meeting to November 18 or cancelling the meeting and receiving the information in a newsletter. It was agreed to cancel the meeting.
- Member, Laurie Semler, reported that details regarding student scholarships can be found on the ARTA website. Discussion followed.
- A PARTA member spoke about the details and benefits of participating in the Long-Stay Program between Shikaoi, Japan and the town of Stony Plain, now in its 40th year.

Upcoming Events

- i) The **PARTA AGM** will be held on June 10th. We encourage you to consider submitting your name for the position of President or Secretary-Treasurer. We welcome you to bring along a friend.
- ii) **Second Wind Conference** will be held on **September 11th**. Registration is available online now at [**secondwindconference.ca**](http://secondwindconference.ca). Early Bird Registration until July 31 is \$95.00.

Guest Speaker spoke about services and resources offered by Seniors' Support in Spruce Grove.
Meeting adjourned.