



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

General Meeting September 16, 2011

The President called the meeting to order. She then asked Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of O Canada.

Following the anthem, she welcomed all those in attendance with special emphasis on those who were attending a meeting for the first time. She also told us that in 2013 we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Association.

The first order of the day was the presentation of a cheque for \$1,000.00 to the Free Masons Cancer Car Project represented by Bob Hutton, Treasurer and Bill Barrs, Senior Deacon. They have been providing the much needed and appreciated car service to cancer patients. They expressed their thanks for the donation to the members of the Association.

Frank Elvins asked for an amendment to the minutes of the last general meeting to change Medicine Shoppe to read Home Medical Shop. Bill Turnbull moved the acceptance of the minutes as amended, seconded by Tom Dandeno. The motion carried.

Committee Report:

Treasurer: Kathi reported an income to date of \$20,334.94 and expenses of \$17,101.30 leaving a balance of \$3,233.64. It was moved by Ian Sibbald and seconded by Tony Edwards that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

Membership: Steve said that our present membership stands at 2148 but that he will be deleting a number who have not paid their dues which will leave us at about 2100.

Newsletter: The Newsletters have been sent out. Steve asked that you get in touch with him if you have not received your copy. About 300 are sent by e-mail. If you want to be added to that list, call Steve. He reminded everyone that you must have a ticket to go to the Christmas meeting. They will be on sale until December 2, 2011 or until they are sold out.

Health Benefits: Bill said he did not have much to report. It appears the PSHCP changes are working well. He has estate documents for sale for \$3.00 and if you want one, or more, you can see him after the meeting. He also emphasized if you are a survivor, make note of the name of everyone you talk to regarding the estate and make copies of all papers you send out. It is very important that you follow these steps.

Programs: Barbara said there were 139 present today. She also suggested you get your tickets for the Christmas meeting as there are only 200 available due to the limitation of space.

Media: The posters were all distributed regarding the meeting.

Welfare: Halle said she has sent out 6 cards – 4 were sympathy and 2 were Get Well.

Telephone: Paddy thanked the phoners for making the calls. She also suggested that if you have phone number, e-mail or other information changes, it could be give to the phoners who will pass the information on to Steve.

History: Frank had no new history to report.

Old Business:

Cecile again stressed the necessity to get tickets if you plan to go to the Christmas meeting. There will be no phone calls as reminders. The number is limited to 200.

New Business:

On Monday and Tuesday, 15 British Columbia Branches met in Victoria as did the National Board of Directors. They met with the National Executive Directors and the President. They were asked about the political climate in the province and were told that British Columbia is the province most likely to have members contact their Member of Parliament regarding pensions, etc.

Wreaths will be purchased for Remembrance Day. Bill McSeveney will represent us in Campbell River, Cecile Turnbull in Courtenay and Frank Elvins in Comox.

Volunteers for the Nomination Committee for elections in December – Paddy said that brains can improve with age, it can help keep memory alive and we must keep learning. She needs volunteers so please call her at 250-338-2313.

Our guest speaker was Kurt MacDonald, Deputy Fire Chief in Courtenay. He gave us much information about fire safety in our homes – smoke detectors, keep dryer vents clean and make sure exits are clear at all times. In case of a fire at night, make sure you have glasses, medications, hearing aids etc. handy so you can grab them and get out. Make that a habit! He also emphasized we should have fire extinguishers – 1 in the kitchen and 1 in the garage – 2-1/2 pound size for the home. Have them checked regularly. If you have a wood stove or fireplace, definitely make sure you have an extinguisher. It was very interesting, and at times humorous.

The Newcomer draw was won by Glenda Kenny.

The Best Western draw was won by Norma Dean

Pot of Gold winners were – Mary Kamann, Joan Webber, Mary Ann Stagg and Russ Wreggitt.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President