

## PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

OCT. 24, 2013

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by our new President, Lia Van Wassenaar at 9:30. Lia told a joke to open the meeting.

**Minutes:** Trevor Cradduck moved and Keith McGregor seconded that the minutes from the Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be adopted as distributed.

**Attendance/Membership:** Dan Tettamanti reported there are 117 members present today. We have 223 members on our roster. The guest today is Sam Burrows. We have 7 new members. They are: Ron & Doris McKeon, Nick and Zorka Becir, Judy and Ross Fraser, and Kurt Simonson.

**Treasurer's Report:** George Norris reported that we have a Cash Position of 823.18 and \$5706.39 in a GIC account for a Net position of \$6529.67.

#### **President's Report:**

- I would like to dedicate the start of my presidency to a previous president, John F. Kennedy. November 22<sup>nd</sup> it will be 50 years since his assassination. Everyone one in this room can remember the day it happened. In the mean time we have raised our families and now our grandchildren. When it happened the whole world knew and stood still. Fifty years have come and gone. Only about a third of us are left to remember that history. We remember history, so let us make this year a great one to remember.
- A 3 member by-laws review team which consists of Margaret Pierce, Gary Brothers and David Hammons has been appointed by the board to review the 2013 suggested by-laws submitted by Probus Canada to see if any of their suggestions need to be adopted. If any additions or changes are recommended by the Review committee and approved by the Management Board, the membership will be notified and a vote will take place.
- Keith McGregor and I went to the Vancouver Island Probus forum where we had representatives from Johnson Insurance to speak to us. As a probus member under the age of 75, they have a one-time enrolment plan which has been extended to November 15<sup>th</sup> without providing medical evidence of insurance. I phoned and a portion of this is tax deductible.
- I would like to thank Joan Lapointe on her suggestion of the Birthdays which are now included on the web page as well as the newsletter. Also, it will be the 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lantzville Probus this month.
- The Yellowpoint Xmas Extravaganza tickets are on sale today.
- Costin Hall will be getting a defibrillator and if anyone is interested to learn how to use it please see George Norris. Two people learning would be great. The training will be held next Sunday 12 – 4.

- Herman and Mirta Maldonado are without a home for 3 months from Nov 16<sup>th</sup> to February 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has a place that they could rent for that period, let them know.
- There are 2 activities that do not have convenors. One is Men's poker and the other is kayaking with Lynda Farrell.

**Vice President:** Keith announced that our speaker for today will be Margaret Murphy who will talk on the Art and Craft of Story Telling. Margaret Pierce and Trevor Craddock will also tell stories. The November speaker will be Herman Maldonado who will address the issue of hazards to seniors in their homes. There will be no speaker in December.

**Sunshine Report:** Lia sent cards to Michelle Keenan, Marlene Jones, Pauline Brigden and Larry McCafferty. The October birthdays were also announced.

**Web Master:** No report.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Xmas Luncheon:** Margaret Pierce announced everything is going good for the Xmas Luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Phil Wilson announced the Pancake Breakfast will be at our March meeting.

**Spring Luncheon:** Lola Denesyk informed us that the Spring Luncheon will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Bayside in Parksville.

**Summer Barbecue:** Dell Haylock announced the barbecue will have a new venue, the German Hall, and will be held August 28<sup>th</sup>. Montana's will be the caterer.

**Pub Lunch:** The Pub Lunch will be at the Lantzville Pub.

#### **Coffee Break:**

**Speaker:** Keith McGregor introduced our speaker Margaret Murphy, who gave the history of story telling and what she learned from famous story tellers in Toronto. She talked about the Art and Craft of Story Telling and Keith presented her with a Probus pen. Also, Margaret Pierce was introduced and she gave an excellent story of events in her life. Trevor Craddock was also introduced and he gave a story on Dr. Seuss's take on the health system.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Next Meeting:** November 28, 2013

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