

PROBUS GENERAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Barry Chapman at 9.30am.

Moved by Blaine Denesyk and seconded by Wayne Schaefer that the minutes of the January 26 meeting be approved as circulated.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dan reported we presently have 193 members. Guests today are Terry, Iris and Judy. Dan also introduced three new members; Jim Brown and AnnMarie and Frank Rosar.

TREASURER:

George reported a cash balance position of \$3784.78 in checking and \$5077.00 in term certificates for a total of \$9162.49.

SUNSHINE:

Dianne reported on recent illnesses and passing of club members and presented the February birthday celebrants leading the membership in the singing of Happy Birthday.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Joan sent in her report from the sunny south with upcoming speakers as follows:

Today – Bernie Dumas the president and CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority

March – no speaker as it is pancake breakfast

April - Wendi Gilson an apiary specialist with the Department of Agriculture

May – Jeff Lewis, a VIU professor whose topic will be climate change.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Barry brought us the sad news on the passing of our long term member and friend Shirley Jones.

Barry reported the Drinks and Appies group need more host homes for the next few months. Most months have one host but the group would like a second home each month so they can accommodate more people.

Arrangements are being made to have our Christmas Luncheon at the Lantzville Legion. Cost per plate should not exceed \$25 including hall rental and sundry costs.

March is our pancake breakfast.

Lola Denesyk reported on the Spring Luncheon at Fairwinds. She is presently selling tickets at \$28 each for members.

Linda Farrell spoke about reviving our excursion trips. Linda is willing to do some organizing but needs members input into where we might like to go and at what time of year. She will leave information sheets on the activities table so members can give their preferences.

Carol Halliwell gave an update on yoga, emphasizing that this is not an official Probus activity. The Seaside Community Association sponsors yoga on Friday mornings in Costin Hall starting March 3rd. This yoga group is open to our members but those that choose to attend will have to join the Seaside Association. They offer two free visits so people can see if it is something they might want to do. The cost per session is \$5 to cover hall rental and the instructor fees.

Barry highlighted some of our activities both ongoing, and those that would start in the spring.

The President adjourned the meeting for coffee and our speaker at 9.50am