

**Minutes of the Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 meeting of  
CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

Meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 32 members & spouses present and joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Recording Secretary Sharole reported on 2 recently deceased pensioners and 3 new members - Rhys Davis, Glen Dunn and also Jack Campbell attending his first meeting.

Sharole then read the minutes of the February meeting. With no E & O moved to accept as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vic Locke. Carried.

Bert Harrison gave the Treasurers report. Previous balance at the end of December 2015 was \$4897.75 - Income of \$60.55 and Expenses of \$275.00 leaving a new balance at end of January 2016 of \$4683.30. Bert moved to accept the report as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob King. Carried.

**Old Business:** Jonn answered the inquiry from Elsie Taylor in regards to Scholarships for CN Pensioners. The answer from the National Treasurer is as follows: "The Scholarship program is designed for children or grandchildren of CN Pensioners. It is intended for younger students just getting their start in life". Jonn then asked Ted Haupt if he had an update on this years Scholarship program. Ted said there was not much to report at this time other than applications could now be submitted by computer and the number of Scholarships for the Mountain region has been increased to 5 @ \$1500 each.

Jonn also stated that the Fraser Valley council Constitution has been updated and is now available for reading on the Fraser Valley website.

**Correspondence:** Jonn commented on an email received from Bruce Peacock, National Treasurer. His calling campaign of non-contributing members is proving to be a great success. E.g. he recently did the Prince George council and signed up 61 new PRD's and also signed up 15 new PRD's for Fraser Valley council. This campaign is going from coast to coast.

**New Business:** Jonn has started a campaign involving 7 councils in B.C. He is going through their membership list and highlighting all the members that live in different areas. He then calls those people to see if they would be interested in transferring to a council closer to where they live. There are over 300 people that need to be contacted and so far he is about half way through and has had great success in getting the people transferred.

We have received 2 quotes from caterers regarding our Christmas dinner. Jonn would like to get at least 2 more and has asked the membership if they know of anyone who might be interested, to please let him know.

**Open for discussion:**

Rod Mclvor - Fraser Valley member for Regional Council and Vancouver's Cosco rep.

Rod gave a report on issues being taken up by COSCO e.g. high house prices and deferred property taxes; revision to B.C. Medical plan \*\* reduced premiums for seniors or ability to claim on income tax. Jonn then mentioned that if anyone has any issues regarding seniors that they could mention it to Rod Mclvor or Barry Jones/Vic Locke and it would be presented at the next COSCO meeting.

Rod has also been working on a project to unite past CN retirees with items that should have been presented to them when they retired. At our meeting he presented a framed picture to John Romanow, CN Pensioner - an item he should have received several years ago.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob King @ approx 2:00 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Mclvor. Carried.

50/50 draw for \$59 was won by Rod Mclvor  
\$25 door prize was won by Cec Erickson

Sharole Hanlen  
Recording Secretary