

NSGREa REGION 2

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

PLACE: KO'S RESTAURANT, BRIDGEWATER NS.

1. LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 PM
2. CALL TO ORDER: Our President called the meeting to order at 1:35pm with 42 members and guests present.
3. Our guest speakers for this day were: Chris Parsons, Coordinator of the N.S. Health Coalition; and Dianne Frittenburg, Vice President of CUPE N.S. member of the board of the N.S. Health Coalition, and also a registered nurse at South Shore Regional Hospital and Fisherman's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg.

Dianne spoke on the shortage of nurses at both hospitals. There are approximately 30 to 40% of patients waiting for long term care beds. There are wait times for home support. Males and females share the same room, contrary to what the Health Minister states. Her presentation was very informative.

Chris talked about the challenges facing healthcare in Nova Scotia broadly and the work of the Coalition. He explained that the NSH Coalition...their department is looking forward to working with all parties, there are similar concerns across the province, more funding is needed for hospitals to make sure everyone has access to quality health care.

There were questions and answers. Concern was expressed about not having a functional mental health program in N.S. and not enough nursing home facilities which leaves a lot of patients in the hospital awaiting long-term care.

President Lucille, thanked both parties for coming to our meeting and speaking. Gifts were presented to both Dianne and Chris.

4. Lucille made mention of some members who have passed on: Jack Chandler, Sylvia Jennings, Gwen Wilkie, wife of Arnold, and Danna Winters. Sincere condolences were offered on behalf of our union. A time of silence in their memory was observed.

5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None.

6. CIRCULATION OF MINUTES: Sheila, Treasurer, made a correction in the minutes from Balance on Hand as of May 19, 2016 of \$275.24 to \$247.24. Debbie moved the acceptance of the Minutes as circulated with this change: #7 Treasurers Report read \$275.24. Should have read \$247.94. Seconded by Paul Harvey. Motion Carried.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Sheila stated in the Treasurer's Report the balance on hand is \$247.94. It should have been \$247.94. Sheila motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended. Earl Lantz, Seconded, Motion Carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received by Secretary, Debbie.

9. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM HEAD OFFICE – Bernie Conrad, Provincial President, spoke about Pharmacare...no increases in this program for next year, but an Election is coming in 2017. He also mentioned that the shingles vaccine is not covered by our medical plan as it is not a contagious disease under our plan.

He also stated that the yearly Convention held the end of September was a huge success; 194 people attended.

Also he advised that the union is celebrating our 35-year anniversary next year and he suggested perhaps we should plan a party. This was welcomed by members present. He told us to keep up the good work and was pleased to see so many present at this meeting.

Lucille reminded everyone that at our meeting in the spring there will be the election of new officers. Please think of who you would like to fulfill the positions of Vice-President, and Treasurer.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017, 1:30 PM AT ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, CHURCHILL STREET, BRIDGEWATER NS

Janice Greer motion meeting be adjourned. 2:45pm

See you all in the spring. Merry Christmas to all.

Debbie Woodworth, Secretary.

APPROVED:

Lucille Wentzell, President,
