

## Thompson Association of Retired Teachers RTAM AGM Report for 2013/2014

President: Joan Dawson

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The Thompson Association of Retired Teachers (TARE) is made up of a small group of retired teachers (17), some spouses (4 regulars) and one associate member.

We meet for lunches, breakfasts, and hold informal meetings as needed in local restaurants. Emails are used to inform members of events and issues and to obtain feedback from them.

An RTAM Chapter Initiative Grant project that we started in 2019 has finally been completed. It was started to document the early years of the School District of Mystery Lake. Requests were sent out to as many retired teachers as we could find asking them to send us some of their early stories about teaching in Thompson. These stories would be collated into three binders to be placed in the School District office, the Thompson Public Library and the Thompson Museum. Over the years more stories were collected and placed in the binders but due to COVID they were never placed in the three buildings. When we could finally meet again we voted in a new executive. The secretary, Sue McCartney took over the binders. She did more editing and retyped the stories, organized them into decades and has since been researching and writing a short history of the district along with the names of the superintendents and important events of the time. Several photos of the schools during those decades have been incorporated. The binders will be presented later this year when more of our members have returned from their winter holidays.

This year we continued with the Chapter Initiative Grant that we have been involved with for several years. We have been working with the Thompson Public Library to fill their four large planters with mostly plants that produce things that the children can watch grow and then eat the produce from. We meet in the spring to plan the work and then to plant when it is warm enough for the plants to survive. We continue throughout the summer to water and weed as well as maintain the flower beds around the building. In September we meet to pull the plants and generally get the library plantings ready for winter. We received a Wellness grant as well which we used to put on a session on Seated Yoga. We also toured the North Forge Makerspace Thompson facility.

Most of our meetings are held in the spring and summer as several of our members spend their winters in the south due to the extreme cold.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dawson

TARE President