

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizens Center in Nederland, Texas, on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Linda Fong and she also led the pledges of allegiance. Refreshments were provided by hostesses Gail Krohn (Chair), Patricia Allen, Donna Lumpkin, and Helen Reynolds. The minutes of the January 14, 2020, meeting were emailed to a few members with hard copies made available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. Secretary Donna Lumpkin read an email from Cindy McKey, a teacher at Highland Park Elementary, thanking us for the books that the fourth graders had received from our book project. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of January 31, 2020, the total balance on hand was \$9,718.51 (which includes \$4000+ scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership – Chair Linda Harrison reported that our current total membership is 37 for 2020-2021. As an incentive for joining in February and March, there will be drawing for one-year free membership. The winner will be announced at the April meeting. The “Each One Bring One” forms that were turned in have been mailed and the District Membership Chair confirmed that they have been received.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs reminded the membership early voting will be from February 18th through the 27th. Also, the rental for TRS office space in a new location is going to be \$326,000 a month. This is being addressed.

Volunteer Services – Chair Beulah Thompson shared that our unit reported a total of 22,675 Community Volunteer Hours for 2019. Since each hour is worth \$25.43, this translates to \$576,625.25 for our unit. The number of volunteer hours dropped from last year but that may be because our new members only had opportunity to report for 7 months, many others have been ill, and still others have moved away. However, the number of volunteers increased with 27% of our membership participating. Honorable mentions go to Carolyn Worsham, Dixie and Walter Tucker, Gail Showalter, and Sharon Mallory. Beulah thanked everyone for their assistance.

Informative & Protective Services – Chair Mary Sue Carter had handouts available which gave instructions regarding Social Security scams through phone calls, emails, and physical mail. The handout also included information regarding security checkpoints at US airports.

Memorials/Get-Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that Charlie Jehlen’s brother-in-law, Bill Atkinson, passed away.

Healthy Living – Chair Helen Reynolds shared that February is American Heart Month and reminded us that your heart deserves to be treated with much care by exercising properly and eliminating stress as much as possible. Anything that reduces blood pressure helps your heart not only in February but all year long.

Foundation – Lynne James, reporting for Chair Clara Graham, stated that there may be a gift basket awarded at the TRTA State Convention in April.

Book Project – Chair Linda Briggs said that a total of 236 books have been distributed to Nederland fourth graders at Hillcrest Elementary and Highland Park Elementary schools.

Programs - Chair Beverly Minaldi stated that our speaker for March will be Carol Hall with Shell Oil marketing.

Scholarship – Gail Krohn made a motion to increase the amount of money given for our scholarships to \$1500 since scholarship monies total to almost \$5000. Becky Dungan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Program:

Beverly Minaldi introduced our guest speaker Judge Jeff Branick who shared plans to restore the beach area along the county shoreline. He also fielded questions from those present. Judge Branick was presented with a certificate of appreciation stating that a \$25 donation had been made in his honor to the scholarship fund.

Announcements

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 02/20/20; assembly on 02/27/20, 9 a.m., PN library
- **March 10th Meeting:**
 - **Time:** 1:30
 - **Place:** Ritter Senior Citizen Center
 - **Program:** Speaker, Carol Hall of Shell Oil marketing
 - **Hostesses:** Gail Krohn (Chair), Patricia Allen, Donna Lumpkin, and Helen Reynolds
- **64th TRTA State Convention:** April 6 - 8, 2020, Corpus Christi
- **Spring Leadership Conference:** May 1, 2020, 10:00 to 2:00 @ First Baptist Church, Nederland

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with 25 members and 1 guest present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Lynne James, President
