Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on December 8, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Krohn. Gail also gave the invocation. Pledges of allegiance were led by Patricia Allen. Refreshments were provided by all members with paper goods and drinks provided by Chairman Rose Reese, Becky Dungan, Linda Fong, and Linda Briggs.

The minutes of the November 10th meeting were emailed to a few members with some distributed for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Treasurer Mary Beth McDuff reported that as of November 30, the balance on hand was $6,126.46. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:
Membership – First Vice President Clara Graham happily shared that we now have 266 members. She cautioned us that we do still need 34 more to make our 300 goal, however.
Legislative – Richard Briggs reported that the Representatives that have been appointed (for a special committee concerning retired teacher issues) seem interested in our favor. However, that may not be the case with the Senators being appointed. Also, the Governor has appointed as chairman someone who is studying all pensions in Texas and is vehemently opposed to defined benefits.
Yearbook – Chairman Becky Dungan reminded us that Yearbooks are still available to anyone who has not yet gotten theirs.
Community Volunteer Services – Chairman Jessie Howard once again passed around a list for all members to record their service hours. Her report is due soon and needs everyone's service hours.
Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds shared that holiday treats can be made healthier by using smaller portions, smaller plates, adding healthier ingredients like cranberries, dates, pumpkin, almonds and walnuts, and using low fat/low sugar options.
Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong shared that Alice McEntire is having an MRI done to determine the cause of her severe headaches. Linda also passed around a card to sign for Patsy Bartels who recently moved. Linda then warned members regarding health care scams. Dana Wasser added that Betty Cowen is still in a rehab facility and is having a few problems with her home. Gail Krohn said she would look into assisting her with the problems.
Technology – Chairman Lynne James urged members to read the District V TRTA President's Newsletter. Copies were made available on the Welcome table.
Book Project – Chairman Patricia Allen shared that 245 books were given to Nederland 4th grade students. She then shared a few of the thank you letters she had received from students.
Refreshment – Chairman Beverly Minaldi thanked all refreshment committees for the providing such delicious refreshments each month and commended them for keeping within the guidelines for healthier refreshments.
Nominations – Immediate Past President Linda Briggs shared our new slate of officers for 2016 – 2017: President, Lynne James; 1st Vice President, Linda Harrison; Secretary, Donna Lumpkin; and Treasurer, Mary Beth McDuff. She is still looking for a 2nd Vice President.
Convention – Members were reminded that there are 4 hotel rooms available for the convention. President Krohn said we would be signing up for the convention at our January meeting.

Unfinished Business: none
New Business:
President Krohn said she would be getting information from the many "urgent care/emergency facilities" in our area and sharing that information at our January meeting.
Program:
Because of extenuating circumstances, our scheduled program was canceled. However, President Krohn led us in several Christmas carols which were enjoyed by all!
Announcements:

- News items for the Newsletter due by 12/28/15; printing and assembling on 12/31/15
- Wayne Moore from Christus St. Mary Hospital will be guest speaker for our January meeting
- Refreshment committee for January includes Chairman Rose Reese, Becky Dungan, Linda Fong, and Linda Briggs

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. with 24 members and 1 guest present.
Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary