

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on December 12, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Wanda Borne and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Linda Pinner. Refreshments were provided by Chair **Rosalie** Reese, Linda Briggs, Becky Dungan, and Linda Fong. The minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were emailed to a few members with some available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the balance on hand was \$9,870.92. The report was filed for audit.

### Committee Reports

**Membership** – Chair Linda Harrison shared that we presently have 315 members. Those wishing to become members after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be held over as members for the 2018-2019 membership.

**Book Project** – Sue Croom, reporting for Chair Patricia Allen, shared that 175 books were given to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Langham Elementary in Nederland. There are 75 board books yet to be delivered due to getting little response from those who were offered the books.

**Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well** – Chair Linda Fong shared there was a thank you note received from Sue Green for the memorial given in memory of James Green. Also, a hand out was distributed entitled “TRTA’s Informative and Protective Services Committee’s Quick Blips.” Our own Lynne James is on this state committee.

**Yearbook** – Chair Becky Dungan reminded us of what is included in our yearbook.

**Health Care** – Chair Helen Reynolds pointed out that laughter is a powerful antidote to pain, stress, and conflict because laughter triggers healthy emotional and physical changes in the body. Laughter really is the best medicine, so keep laughing.

**Volunteer Committee** – Chair Beulah Thompson reminded us that it is time to report our volunteer hours. Because Martha Floyd, Candice Zummo, and Dana Wasser reported via email, they received the “early bird award.” She stated we are woefully short almost 14,000 hours from last year and that there are forms available to report the hours.

**Programs** – Chair Linda Briggs shared that our speaker for the January meeting will be Angela Bellard, Jefferson County Chief Appraiser, who will enlighten us regarding county appraisals.

### Unfinished Business:

**Request for State Convention delegates** – Because there were 6 volunteers to attend the state convention, ballots will be distributed at the January meeting for voting on the 5 delegates who will attend.

**Scholarship Ads** – President James reminded everyone that all renewal ads need to be turned in by the January meeting for assessing the need for more ads to fund the scholarships for 2018.

### New Business:

**By-Laws Amendment** – The vote was unanimous for replacing the wording in “Article IV: Officers, Section 2. Terms of Office” in the bylaws (“for an additional term with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, who may serve additional terms dependent upon their ability to serve the Unit”) with “additional terms.”

### Program:

County Commissioner Brent Weaver shared the many acts of service that the county provided along with civil volunteers during the recent floods of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey.

### Announcements:

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 12/21/17; assembly on 12/28/17 @ 9 a.m., PN Library
- **January 9, 2018 meeting:**
  - **Program:** Angela Bellard, Jefferson County Appraisal District
  - **Refreshments:** Chair Rosalie Reese, Linda Briggs, Becky Dungan, and Linda Fong
  - **Volunteer hours** due to Beulah Thompson (only total hours required)
  - **Pick up scholarship sales packets (if necessary)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. with 22 members and 2 guests present.

Donna Lumpkin  
Recording Secretary

Lynne James  
President