MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Nederland, Texas on December 10, 2013 at 1:30 P.M. with 29 members and 5 guests present.

The invocation was given by Zack Byrd. Pledges of allegiance were led by Linda Briggs.

Program Chairman Gail Krohn introduced Deanne Tanner, Beck Seymour, Anita Smith and Lori Hamilton, who entertained the group with Christmas music. President Linda Briggs introduced Dallas Mullins, District Manager with Association Member Benefits Advisors-AMBA. He informed us of different coverage's and the services that MASA provide, also, including the newest discounts thru TRTA.

Refreshment Committee: Chairman Rose Reese, Linda Briggs, Linda Pinner, Loretta Morman; Cookie Byrd. Chair thanked everyone for bringing a Christmas snack and in a disposable container. Leftovers will be taken to MCTCU and Hebert Library in appreciation for the use of their facilities. Members may pick up yearbooks during refreshment time.

The business meeting was called to order by President Linda Briggs.

The minutes of November 12, 2013 were sent to the members by email and a few were available for reading on each table. The minutes were approved by committee.

Mary Beth McDuff gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit. Balance on Hand – November 30, 2013, - $6,514.28.

Richard Briggs made the motion that we help with the expenses for Mary Beth McDuff and Lynne James when they attend the TRTA Connection training at Region 5 on January 23, 2014. A second was given by Gail Krohn. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee – Chairman Dana Wasser pleaded, there is still a need for President! The Slate of Officers who have accepted: 1st Vice President –Gail Krohn, 2nd Vice President – Dianne Trevey, Secretary – Susan Jones and Treasure – Mary Beth McDuff. The slate will be voted on at the January meeting.
Book Project – TRTA members Patricia Allen, Sue Croom, and Mary Ethelyn Bosarge and Philpott Ford representatives Jennifer Parker and Karen Scalco delivered 190 books to Highland Park Elementary on Friday, December 6th. Every 3rd and 4th grade student received a book, and they were all so excited and appreciative.
Health Care – Helen Reynolds – Because sugar is addictive and holiday goodies include sugar, learn to reduce the amount of sugar in baked goods to make them healthier. Ways to reduce sugar include making smaller portions with less frosting, substituting honey and maple syrup for sugar, using whole wheat flour, adding wheat germ or oat bran, replacing oil with applesauce, using pureed white beans for half butter, and adding extra fruit and nuts.
Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Linda Fong reported a sympathy card was sent to Carol Broussard for the loss of her husband. FYI: don't leave anything in your car, go with a friend when you can and be careful when out shopping.
Newsletter – Lynne James informed the group that newsletters last month were mailed to those who were members last year but have failed to renew this year.
Membership – not given
Legislative: - Gail Krohn – Will be making plans in the spring to approach active teachers with the importance of TRTA. Richard Briggs will be going to Austin in January - "Keep what we have."
Community Volunteer Service – Jessie Howard thanked those that help with the "Angel Tree." She reminded everyone to bring their volunteer hours to the January meeting. If it is more convenient, you can send them by email

Old Business: Election of 2014-2015 officers will be at the January meeting.

New Business: FYI - 61st Annual TRTA Convention at the Sheraton in Dallas, April 13-15, 2014 – TRTA Connect training expenses.

Announcements:

- Remember to turn in the totals of your volunteer hours from January - December 2013 to Jessie Howard.
- Newsletter will be assembled Thurs., December 26, 9:30 A.M., Hebert Library (PN)
- January 14th meeting – Speaker: Amy May with Angels Above Us, Home Health information.
- January Refreshments: Rose Reese, Chairman, Linda Briggs, Linda Pinner, Loretta Morman; Cookie Bryd.
- Information Session Specialist (ISS) for the Beaumont and Jasper areas. The ISS job is to deliver compelling and accurate information sessions describing Lamar University's innovative online degree programs that will drive educators/paraprofessionals to enroll.

The business meeting adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

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Susan H. Jones, Secretary

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