

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on February 13, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Richard Briggs, and Pledges of Allegiance were recited by all. Refreshments were provided by Chair Candice Zummo, Gail Krohn, Donna Lumpkin, and Diane Trevey.

The minutes of the January 9th 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. Donna Lumpkin read a thank you note from Lynda Dow for the memorial we sent to the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Malcolm Dow's memory. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of January 31st, the balance on hand was \$11,260 including \$3077.09 in the scholarship savings account. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership – Chair Linda Harrison reminded those who have recruited a new member to fill out an "Each One Bring One" form. She also reminded us that our new membership year will begin March 1st and that we presently have 12 members. We are ending our current year with 315 members and only 268 non-members in our data base. This means we finally have more members than non-members.

Legislative – Lynne James reporting for Chair Richard Briggs stated that when we vote in the upcoming primary, we need to be aware of those who are "friendly" to the causes of retired teachers and education as a whole.

Community Volunteer Services – Chair Beulah Thompson stated our annual local unit report reflects a total of 23,490 volunteer hours. With each hour worth \$24.66, we have contributed \$579,263.40 to the economy of our community. Carolyn Worsham reported the most hours with 2039 hours. Beulah congratulated our unit for a fantastic job! Our goal for 2018-2019 is to *keep better records*.

Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that member Donna Anthony lost her brother and members Becky and Jimmy Dungan have the flu. She also distributed hand outs which included "Quick Blips" giving many tips on protective services, and "Say It with Love," which recognized local units for their community service, ours being one of them.

Health Care – Chair Helen Reynolds pointed out that about 15 million people practice yoga regularly, 72% being women. But this yoga is called yoga without dogma because it focuses on breathing techniques and stretching along with a healthy diet, relaxation, and meditation.

Programs – Chair Linda Briggs shared that our March meeting speaker will be Scott Hasty of JScott's Aflorist, a floral designer.

Scholarship – Co-Chair Lynne James announced that we have received enough sponsorship to award two \$1000 scholarships, one to a Nederland High School senior and one to a Port Neches-Groves High School senior. She also stated that applications are now available.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

President James stated that Mr. Blanda, administrator of Magnolia Manor, would like for us to begin meeting at the new Bon Vie facility, especially for our September luncheon. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Program:

Program Chair Linda Briggs introduced our guest speaker, Diane LaPour representing Quality Tax Services who gave information regarding our new tax laws.

Announcements:

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 02/22/18; assembly on 03/01/18 @ 9 a.m., PN Library
- **February 13, 2018:** Applications for scholarships available
- **March 13, 2018 meeting:**
 - **Program:** Scott Hasty of JScott's Aflorist – Floral Designer
 - **Refreshments:** Chair Candice Zummo, Gail Krohn, Donna Lumpkin, and Diane Trevey
- **April 8-10 – TRTA State Convention at La Cantera Resort, San Antonio**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. with 23 members and one guest present.

Donna Lumpkin
Recording Secretary

Lynne James
President
