

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on March 10, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Krohn and the invocation was given by Linda Briggs. Pledges of allegiance were led by Loretta Morman. Refreshments were provided by Chairman Candice Zummo, Gail Krohn, Paula Kanesaw, Frances Glaze, and Charlotte Durham.

The minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 February 28<sup>th</sup>, the balance on hand was \$7,410.21. The report was filed for audit. Mary Beth also encouraged refreshment committees to submit receipts for reimbursement for decorations.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership – Chairman Clara Graham urged everyone to renew their membership and to encourage new members to join. Mary Beth McDuff also emphasized the need to gain more members.

Legislative – Chairman Richard Briggs reported that the Texas House is virtually committed to appropriating \$769 million plus to TRS Care. Richard urged all members to send a note of appreciation to Rep. Dade Phelan for his support of the House Appropriation and Article III, and a note to Sen. Brandon Creighton to encourage his support of the House version. It is imperative that we continue to make connection with these two important legislators!

Community Volunteer Services – Chairman Jessie Howard reminded all that our new year has started in regards to volunteer hours. President Krohn suggested that maybe a sign-up sheet could be passed each meeting for each to record their volunteer hours for that month.

Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds shared that it is time to “spring clean” our diets by lightening our intake with delicious and nutritious spring delicacies such as strawberries, asparagus, sweet cherries, fresh beans, radishes, apricots, rhubarb, and morel mushrooms. Yum!

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong reported that Betty Thornton’s husband and Ellen Gimon have passed away. She also shared that memorials were sent to the families of Yvonne Grimes and Allie Leatherwood and a thank you note was received from Margie Fuller’s family in regards to the memorial sent in her memory.

Refreshment – President Gail Krohn especially thanked Candice Zummo and her committee for the wonderful decorations and delicious food served for both February and March.

Convention President Krohn reminded convention delegates that checks were ready for pick up from the treasurer for convention hotel costs. Also, because the state has recognized that we had more members than originally counted, we are eligible for one more delegate. At the close of the meeting, Dana Wasser agreed to be the fifth delegate. Gail also encouraged all to attend Rally Day (Wednesday of Convention week).

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

President Gail Krohn asked for volunteers to be liaisons to the various schools in the Port Neches-Groves and Nederland ISD's to ensure good relations with active teachers. A sign-up sheet was passed around for committing to be a liaison.

Also, Gail suggested that we consider purchasing a projector screen for the Ritter Center, the cost of which could be added to our budget for next year. Many of our speakers have asked for the availability of a screen.

**Program:**

President Krohn introduced our speaker Cindy Laird from the Nederland ISD Technology Department who advised us on Internet Security for all users and things to consider before purchasing new computer.

**Announcements:**

- All items to be in newsletter due March 26<sup>th</sup> (send to Lynne James); assembly of newsletter on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Leadership Training at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church on May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Carolyn Martin invited all to attend the Tabernacle Tour at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church through March 15<sup>th</sup>; \$5 donation
- Next meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup> and NOT April 7<sup>th</sup> as stated in the Yearbook

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. with 27 members and 1 guest present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

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