

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on March 8, 2016, at 1:32 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Krohn and the invocation was led by Donna Lumpkin. Pledges of allegiance were led by Rosalie Reese.

Refreshments were provided by Chairman Candice Zummo, Gail Krohn, Donna Lumpkin, and Diane Trevey. The minutes of the February 16th 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. Correspondence included a thank you note from Martha Palmer regarding the memorial sent in memory of Mary Beth McDuff. Treasurer Loretta Morman stated that as of February 29th, the balance on hand was \$6,653.89. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Membership – First Vice President Clara Graham reminded the members that we still need to recruit new members as well as past members. The membership year started March 1st and membership forms are available on our website. Extra forms are available at each meeting.

Legislative – Richard Briggs reported that TRTA has been focusing on the primary elections. Our Senator and Representative had no opposition, but the main issue for retired teachers will continue to be health care. We still do not know how we will be impacted.

Community Volunteer Services – Chairman Jessie Howard thanked all members who sent in their volunteer hours and encouraged us to continue recording our volunteer hours starting from January 1, 2016. It was also mentioned that volunteers were welcomed to work in the United Methodist Church (Nederland) booth at the Nederland Heritage Festival.

Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds shared that the Zika virus (related to yellow fever and West Nile virus among others) was first isolated in 1952, and will continue to be in the news because it is pandemic in Brazil, the site of the 2016 Summer Olympics. More information will be forthcoming about this health concern in the coming months.

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong shared that Alice McEntire has been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and no longer drives. Also, that 03/17/16 is her 89th birthday! Linda also told us of many scams and false claims by many companies and projects: "You've Won!"; FTC alerts that Luminosity's claims regarding brain improvement games; and Life Lock was fined \$1 million for violating settlements and failed to establish and protect people's personal information. CBS also did a piece on the Wounded Warrior Project scam.

Technology – Chairman Lynne James reminded the membership that items for the newsletter are due March 24th and that assembly will be on March 31st. She also asked Loretta Morman and Olive Hall to take pictures at the April 12th meeting as she will be at convention.

Hospitality - Wanda Borne volunteered to take Alice McEntire's place for the April and May Refreshment Committee.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

President Krohn stated that District President asked if we could provide an additional attendee as a District Representative. This will be pursued in the coming days.

Program: Chairman Dianne Trevey introduced our speaker Attorney Jesse Branick, who enlightened us regarding requirements for "final" planning. His main focus was updating one's will.

Announcements:

- Refreshment committee for April includes Chairman Linda Pinner, Loretta Morman, Olive Hall and Wanda Borne.
- April 12th program: Kay Decuir of the Nederland Economic Development Commission will share with us the EDC's function and its plans

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. with 29 members and 1 guest present.
Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary