

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Center in Nederland, Texas, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Becky Dungan, and pledges of allegiance were led by Linda Pinner. Refreshments were provided by Gail Krohn (Chair), Patricia Allen, Donna Lumpkin, and Helen Reynolds. The minutes of the February 12th meeting were emailed to a few members with copies made available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Secretary Donna Lumpkin read a note from Nancy Byler thanking our unit for the copy of our video scrapbook. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of February 28, 2019, the total balance on hand was \$13,338.98 which includes scholarship money. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership – Chair Linda Harrison shared that we presently have 83 members for 2019-2020. There has been a good response from our first incentive which began in February. Membership forms have to reach Treasurer Lorretta Morman by March 30th and the drawing for the prizes (gift cards) will be at our April meeting. The second incentive is for recruiting non-members by the end of April. Linda provided the membership with a list of names of those retirees who have never joined or have not joined in one or more years. The recruiter's name must be on the membership form for the recruiter to receive credit. Loretta must receive the form by April 30th. One form will be drawn at the May meeting. The new member and the recruiter will each receive a gift card. Linda also reminded the membership that a handout was available for suggestions of information to share when recruiting.

Volunteer Services – Chair Beulah Thompson shared that 2018 reflected an outstanding year of service. Volunteers reported 33,747 hours which translates a worth of \$833,213.43 to the community. (Each volunteer hour equals \$24.69.) Beulah thanked the membership for this "awesome achievement." She also stated the goal for 2019 is to inform the non-attending members that they can participate in our projects (i.e., book distribution, college scholarships, and Community Volunteer Service). She welcomes any suggestion in how to accomplish this.

Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well – Reporting for Chair Linda Fong, Lynne James reminded the membership that there were handouts made available regarding Informative and Protective Service Quick Blips on tornado safety, senior citizen scams, and "Top Six Medication Problems in Seniors."

Healthy Living – Chair Helen Reynolds reminded us that using substitutes for high calorie and high fat ingredients will lead to healthier and equally delicious foods. For example: when cooking, use applesauce for butter, margarine, or oil and extra-lean ground beef or ground turkey breast for beef; when baking, use pureed fruit or a dusting of powdered sugar for frosting and a graham cracker crust for pastry dough.

Programs – Reporting for Chair Linda Briggs, Lynne James announced that Dr. Robin Perez, Nederland ISD Superintendent, will be our speaker for the April meeting.

Scholarship Ads – Co-chair Lynne James shared that \$2050 in advertisements were sold for this 2018-2019 scholarship fund.

Unfinished Business:

District 5 gift basket donation – President Lynne James stated that this project has been cancelled.

2019 Proposed State Bylaws Amendments – After some discussion, Gail Krohn moved that only Proposals 1 and 2 be accepted (see all proposals below). Dana Wasser seconded the motion; motion carried.

- Proposal 1: Conventions be held in even numbered years only and Day at the Capitol only in odd numbered years (OAC recommends approval; BOD does also)
- Proposal 2: Affects the nominating committee (reflects vote taken in 2018)

- Proposal 3: Annual dues will be \$36 with \$3 sent to the local unit. Annual dues of some personnel would be \$12 with no rebate to local unit. (Not recommended by OAC and BOD)

New Business:

None

Program:

Donna Lumpkin introduced our "speakers," David Hornack and "Dr. Hank the Therapy Dog" who shared with us that "Dr. Hank, Therapy Dog" serves as a comfort and therapy dog to those in nursing homes and other places for the elderly. There are other dogs who serve those suffering from PTSD, diabetes, and paraplegic patients. Canine therapy has been popular for hundreds of years but especially so for the last 50 years.

Ten-Minute Spotlight:

District V President Artemus Hancock shared with the membership the accomplishments of our District V members and thanked all who participated. He especially recognized the work of this unit.

Announcements:

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 03/21/19; assembly on 03/28/19 @ 9 a.m., PN Library
- **April 9, 2019 meeting:**
 - **Ritter Center in Nederland at 1:30 p.m.**
 - **Program:** Speaker Robin Perez, Superintendent, Nederland ISD
- **Refreshments:** Chair Linda Pinner, Wanda Borne, Olive Hall, and Loretta Morman
- **TRTA State Convention: April 1 - April 2, 2019, Austin**
- **Roar at the Capitol, April 3, Austin**
- **Spring Leadership Conference: May 3, 2019, at First Baptist church, Nederland**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. with 23 members and 3 guests present.

Donna Lumpkin
Recording Secretary

Lynne James
President
