

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 March 11, 2014, at 1:30 P.M. with thirty-two members and one guest present.

The invocation was given by Linda Briggs. Pledges of allegiance were led by Beverly Minaldi.

Program Chairman Gail Krohn introduced Roger Cowles, Port Arthur News editor, whose program, entitled "What's Up with Print," included his history in the newspaper business as well as the development of the modern newspaper.

Refreshment Committee: Chairman Gail Krohn, Wanda Borne, Paula Kanesaw, Dana Wasser, and Candice Zummo.

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

The minutes of February 11, 2014, were sent to the members by email, and a few were available for reading on each table. The minutes were approved previous to the meeting by committee.

Mary Beth McDuff gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit. Balance on Hand – February 28, 2014 - \$6,848.23.

Committee Reports

Membership – Dana Wasser explained TRTA membership renewals.

Health Care – Helen Reynolds reported the World Health Organization (WHO) recently revised its recommendation for daily intake of calories in sugars from 10% (set in 2002) to 5% of one's total daily intake. This guideline applies to sugars added to processed foods as well as those found naturally in honey, syrups, fruit juices, and fruit concentrates but does not apply to sugars found in fresh fruit.

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Linda Fong received a thank you note from the family of Bertie Childress. She gave an update on Howard Frey and Patsy Bartels. She was informed that Dixie R. Tucker's niece and great-niece were in a house fire. Her tip: Do not keep your car keys with a car-door-opener next to your cell phone because it pulls the charge from the battery.

Refreshment – Hospitality Chairman Donna Lumpkin passed around the 2014-2015 sign-up sheets for refreshments.

Legislative – Gail Krohn stated this is not a Legislative year but we cannot afford to sit back. We still need to talk with and educate teachers.

Unfinished Business

None brought to the floor.

New Business

As past president, Dana Wasser asked for volunteers who might be interested in serving as secretary for next year. Susan Jones will not be able to take the position again next year due to unexpected personal matters. Donna Lumpkin volunteered but would have to give up her position as hospitality chairman. Dana Wasser nominated Donna for the 2014-2015 secretary position. Marie Redding gave a second to the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor. Donna was elected.

Announcements

- Newsletter will be assembled Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M., Hebert Library (PN)
- April 8<sup>th</sup> program: Stroke Awareness
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Refreshments: Donna Lumpkin, chairman, Linda Fong, Susan Jones, Carolyn Martin, and Dixie Tucker.
- Convention Delegates: Pick up checks from treasurer at March meeting and turn in receipts to treasurer along with any leftover money by May meeting.
- District V Spring Leadership Training: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, First Baptist Church in Nederland.
- District V committee chairman positions unfilled: informative and protective services, community service, and retirement education. Let me know if you are interested.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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Susan H. Jones, Secretary

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