

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINUTES

March 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Nederland, Texas, on March 8, 2011, at 1:30 P.M. with 33 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Dana Wasser. The invocation was given by Frances Glaze. Pledges of Allegiance were led by Gail Krohn.

Program: Richard Briggs, District TRTA Legislative Chair, informed members of the TRTA legislative agenda. Texas Legislative Budget Board has recommended that the state contribution to TRS be reduced from 6.64% to 6.0%, and the state contribution to TRS- Care be reduced from 1% to .5%. He suggested members write to their legislators to explain that these cuts are unacceptable, and an increase is needed for the TRS pensions.

Refreshments were provided by Linda Fong (Chair), Mary Loftin, Donna Lumpkin, and Dixie Tucker.

Following refreshments, President Dana Wasser called the Business Meeting to order.

President Dana Wasser, in the absence of Secretary Ellen Thornton, reported minutes of the February 8, 2011, meeting were sent to members by email, and a few copies were available for reading on each table. There being no additions or corrections, Rose Reese moved (Becky Dungan) they be approved as printed. Motion passed. Wanda Borne, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit. Balance for 2/28/11 is \$4,715.74.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership-President Dana pointed out to members that beginning today dues for next year can be given to the treasurer.

Hospitality-Donna Lumpkin thanked members who served this year and looks forward to a good year next year. She circulated a form for members to sign up to be a hostess next year.

Community Volunteers-President Dana informed members there were errors in the Newsletter concerning the volunteer hours and fitness steps. Donna Lumpkin had 5,400 hours. The total number of fitness steps was 20,790,000. Richard Briggs had 2,790,000 steps.

Pre-Retirement-Rose Reese stated some teachers have indicated their intent to retire, but we are unable to get the exact information.

Health Care-Helen Reynolds explained that some people have difficulty sleeping, and gave members nine suggestions that might help, such as establishing a consistent time for bedtime.

Member Benefits-Patsy Bartels reminded members to check the back of their *Voice* for important discount information.

Newsletter-Linda Briggs said the newsletter would be assembled Wednesday, March 30th, at 9:30 AM at the Hebert Library in Port Neches. She would like to mail one to people who have not joined, and passed a sign-up sheet for members to list someone they would like one sent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Dana confirmed the 2011-2012 Officers: President-Dana Wasser, First Vice President-Linda Briggs, Second Vice President-Lynne James, Secretary-Sue Croom, and Treasurer-Mary Beth McDuff

Plans for the TRTA Rally Day on March 23 were discussed.

Motion to approve Anita Harrell as the fifth delegate to the TRTA State Convention April 12-14 was made by Richard Briggs (Lynne James). Motion carried. The other delegates are Dana Wasser, Richard Briggs, Becky Dungan, and Clara Graham.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Committee chairman send committee membership to President Dana
- Roy Tully, District President, informed President Dana about Cleaning for a Reason, home cleaning service provided for people receiving chemo treatment (Details from Dana)
- Retired teachers in red march on State Capitol March 23; watch the news!
- Newsletter will be assembled Wed., Mar. 30, 9:30 AM , Hebert Library (PN)
- April 12th meeting - Jodie Broussard - Lamar State College - Port Arthur - Nutrition
- State Convention April 12-14 in San Antonio
- April refreshments: Helen Reynolds (Chair), Cookie Byrd, Lynne James, Barbara Pelloat

The business meeting adjourned at 3:08 P.M.

Ellen Thornton, Recording Secretary