

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINUTES

May 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Nederland, Texas, on May 10, 2011, at 1:30 P.M. with 36 members and 1 guest present.

The meeting was called to order by President Dana Wasser.

The invocation was given by Mary Beth McDuff. Pledges of Allegiance were led by Linda Briggs.

Refreshments were provided by Helen Reynolds (Chair), Cookie Byrd, Lynne James, and Barbara Pelloat.

Program: Richard Briggs installed the following officers for 2011-2012:

President - Dana Wasser

1st Vice President - Linda Briggs

2nd Vice President - Lynne James

Secretary - Sue Croom

Treasurer - Mary Beth McDuff

Following the program President Dana Wasser called the Business Meeting to order.

Secretary Ellen Thornton reported minutes of the April 12, 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, Ellen Thornton moved (Wanda Borne) they be approved as printed. Motion passed. Wanda Borne, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit. Balance for 4/30/11 is \$4,490.61.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative-Richard Briggs reported that state funding for students and teachers will be decreased. Funding for TRS and TRS Care (1/2%) has been cut by the House. Senate has not yet met. Bill proposing \$1200 supplemental pay taken out of TRS is being voted on today. TRS Care premiums could be increased by 30-80%.

Newsletter-Linda Briggs recognized Jessie Howard and others for giving help. The cost of 2010-2011 newsletter distribution was \$1,070, and with the increased price of postage the cost of 2011-2012 could be as much as \$1,050. Linda needs more email addresses so she does not have to pay for bulk mail. Please let her know the email address of any perspective member. She needs someone to volunteer their Nederland address for returned letters, so she won't need to pay for returned newsletters. Linda shared newspaper articles from the Port Arthur News.

Health Care-Helen Reynolds presented information she read from an article titled "Do You Drink Water?" This article explained that water is essential to good health and gave eight important times and reasons to drink water.

Program-Lynne James, chairman for 2011-2012, requested members send program suggestions or names of past ones they want repeated to her.

Informative and Protective Services-Linda Fong reported that because of recent exposure of data base files members could go to Texas Safeguard.com and receive free credit monitoring. She suggested for us to call the credit bureau, bank, or credit union for a fraud alert. Members can go to our TRTA website and click on the Inside Line to receive further provided information.

Hospitality-Donna Lumpkin passed a hostess sign-up sheet to members to fill a few spots not yet filled for next year.

Community Volunteers-Jessie Howard reminded members to record volunteer hours this summer on the sheet in back of our year books. She would like to have some pictures so they could be taken to the district meeting. Time traveling to and from volunteer work, as well as preparation time (Ex. SS lesson) can be recorded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Dana reported seven delegates, five local voting, and three District voting from our chapter, attended the TRTA State Convention April 12-14. Great information was received by the 900 attending from across Texas. Next year it will be held in Houston. Roy Tully is trying to charter two buses there from our area. Anita Harrell stated that fourteen members, of which eleven were chapter officers, or committee chairmen, and two were district officers, and a committee chairman, attended the District V Spring Leadership Training. Our chapter was the hostess with \$150 budget given by the District. \$131 was spent for a beautifully decorated area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special recognition was expressed through distribution of Unit Certificates of Recognition, Individual Certificates of Recognition, and Individual Certificates of Appreciation. Door prizes of items from the Convention were given to each member by President Dana. A beautiful cake provided by Dr. Elnita Stanley was given to Frances Glaze.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Keep your e-mail updated with Dana danaw678@sbcglobal.net or Becky Redungan@aol.com for any informative summer notices.
- Audit Committee meets this summer in June.
- New officers and committee chairs begin duties July 1; please send lists of committees to president for inclusion in 2011-2012 year book.
- Record volunteer hours and fitness steps this summer!
- Encourage new retirees and associate contacts to join local unit.
- September 13th meeting - Covered dish luncheon
- Fall Conference -September 23- 10a.m. - 2:00p.m.- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaumont, Texas- \$6/person- RSVP by Sept. 15
- Have a safe and happy summer. See you next year!

The business meeting adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

Ellen Thornton, Recording Secretary