

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on May 8, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Donna Lumpkin, and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Jolene Lemaire. Refreshments were provided by Chair Linda Pinner, Wanda Borne, Olive Hall, and Loretta Morman. The minutes of the April 10th meeting were emailed to a few members with some available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of April 30th, the total balance on hand was \$10,888.53, which includes the scholarship money. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership – Chair Linda Harrison shared that we now have a total of 176 members in our unit!

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs reported that there is nothing really to add from last month. However, President James called our attention to the handout fact sheet, “Investment Return Assumption.” (See attached.)

Retirement Education – Chair Rosalee Reese stated that lists of new retirees from both school districts have not yet been released but should soon be forthcoming.

Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well – President James, reporting for Chair Linda Fong, shared that we had received a thank you note from Cookie Byrd regarding the memorial sent in husband Zach’s memory. Also, that Candice Zummo’s mother passed away last week.

Health Care – Chair Helen Reynolds pointed out that seniors must protect their skin from harmful sun exposure. A sunscreen that is water-resistant and broad spectrum (protects against UVA and UVB rays with a SPF of 30+) is a requirement. Also, the proper amount of sunscreen is of a shot-glass size and not just a dollop. Also, President James announced that this committee would henceforth be called “Healthy Living” so as to not be confused with the Health Care Committee. She also presented our unit with a Certificate of Recognition for an outstanding job in meeting the requirements on the “Health Care Check.”

Programs – Chair Linda Briggs passed around a sheet for members to propose suggestions for next year’s programs.

Scholarship – Co-Chair Gail Krohn announced that there were 17 applications submitted from Nederland and 16 from Port Neches-Groves for the MJCRSP scholarship. These scholarships will be presented at the Awards ceremonies at the two high schools later this month.

State & District Reports – Convention attendees and Spring Leadership attendees shared their thoughts on the Convention and Spring Leadership training saying both were successful and informative.

Yearbook – Chair Becky Dungan asked that any address, phone number, or email changes be sent to her as soon as possible.

President’s Report – President James referred back to her goals for 2017-2018 MJCRSP TRTA:

- To increase active teacher contact and encourage participation
- To maintain and increase membership enrollment
- To establish personal contact with legislative representatives
- To inform members and non-members of legislative issues of importance (health care and benefits)

She stated that she felt we had done a good job on all points but there is still a lot of work to be done regarding these issues.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- **Unit Awards** – President James presented special awards for outstanding participation and in promoting our unit to Patricia Allen for maintaining our Facebook page, Martha Godwin for selling

the most ads for our scholarship funding, Linda Harrison for tireless work in increasing our membership, Jolene Lemaire for making our beautiful digital scrapbook, Loretta Morman, who goes the extra mile with all the duties as treasurer, and Carolyn Worsham, who volunteers behind the scenes. Linda Harrison presented awards to Patricia Allen, Linda Pinner, Rosalee Reese, and Beulah Thompson for their outstanding help in increasing our membership.

Program:

- **5-minute spotlight:** Tina Bradley shared her thoughts for our county if she is elected Judge for 172nd District Court of Jefferson County.
- **Installation of Officers:** Immediate Past President Gail Krohn installed our slate of officers, Lynne James, President; Linda Harrison, First Vice-President; Linda Briggs, Second Vice-President; Donna Lumpkin, Secretary; and Loretta Morman, Treasurer.

Announcements:

- **Tim Lee**, speaker at **PAISD Convocation on August 1st** at Memorial High School, Port Arthur
- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by **08/23/18**; assembly on **08/30/18 @ 9 a.m.**, PN Library
- **District 5 Summer Planning Meeting:** Wed., **08/08/18, 9 to 3** @ Region 5 in Beaumont
- **MJCRSP Summer Planning Meeting:** Tuesday, **08/14/18** TBA (officers and committee chairs; submit budget requests to Loretta Morman by **08/01/18**)
- **District 5 Fall Conference:** **10/04/18, 9:30-2:00** @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaumont
- **Next MJCRSP Meeting: September 11, 2018 New Retirees Luncheon:**
 - 11:00 a.m. @ Bonne Vie, 8595 Medical Center Blvd, Port Arthur
 - **Program:** Dade Phelan, featured speaker
 - **Refreshments:** everyone brings a side dish or dessert; meat provided by unit
- **2019 State Convention: 03/31-04/02/19;** Downtown Austin Hilton; **04/03/19, Roar for a Day** at the Capitol

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with 24 members and 1 guest present.

Donna Lumpkin
Recording Secretary

Lynne James
President
