

Meeting Summary: December 11, 2007

The December meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held on December 11, 2007, at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Nederland. President Richard Briggs called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Betty Cowan gave the invocation and Linda Briggs led the group in the pledges. Jeri Caldronia introduced the program, which was presented by Ned & Company of Nederland High School. Rene Kloes directed the group.

Refreshments were provided by Ellen Thornton, Chairman; Barbara Pelloat, Rose Reese, and Linda Fong.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read and the treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Membership Chairman Dana Wasser reported that the extra effort in contacting prospective members has resulted in a total of 239 members.

Legislative Chairman Zack Byrd stated that the next legislative session should be very interesting. The 13th check was due in large part to the strength of our membership state-wide. District V Legislative Chairman Charles McBee added that legislative priorities are being considered at this time. Support from the Senate and the Governor is necessary for a cost of living increase for retirees.

Jessie Howard, Community Volunteer Chairman, reminded members to turn in hours no later than the January meeting.

Healthcare Chairman Donna Lumpkin reported on the importance of healthy meal choices for the up-coming holidays.

Book Project Chairman Lynne James reported that approximately 90 books were donated to fourth graders at Highland Park Elementary on December 10. Those remaining were added to the school's library collection. Bob Thewman, General Manager of Philpott Ford, was on hand for the presentation, which was made possible in part by a generous contribution from Philpott Ford.

Program Chairman Lynne James reported that reports from Stroke Scan have been delayed because the radiologist who reads the screening has been on vacation. Members should receive reports within a week. The January program will feature Sherry Ulmer, a nurse practitioner with the Beaumont Health Department, who will discuss the differences among and the precautions against bird flu, pandemic flu, and seasonal flu.

Delegates to the state convention in El Paso will be elected at the January 8 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.