

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the PNGISD Administration Building in Port Neches, Texas on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Charlie Jehlen. President Jehlen also led us in the invocation and pledges of allegiance. The minutes of March 14, 2023, meeting had been emailed to members. (No April meeting was held due to Day at the Capitol.) There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. Lynne James presented the treasurer's report which stated that the total balance on hand as of April 30, 2023, was \$16,787.73 (which includes scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Health – Reporting for Chair Helen Reynolds, Lynne James called attention to the handout "Stroke Facts" and also shared that May is Stroke Awareness Month and a good time to refresh one's knowledge about the causes of and the treatments for strokes. Always remember that if a stroke occurs, the faster one gets help, the better the chances for recovery.

Membership – Reporting for Chair Becky Dungan, Lynne James shared that our current total membership is 397 which includes members who are members of the state only. Lynne called attention to the handout "Magic of Membership" which tells about the incentive to reward the dedicated chapters for their recruitment efforts. Monetary prizes will be rewarded. (See handout for details.)

Programs and Book Project - Chair Cathy Purgahn stated that some program ideas for next year have been submitted but she still needs more. Please contact her by email or text for any ideas.

Yearbook, Nominations, and Technology – Immediate Past President Lynne James asked that each member check to see if their contact information in this year's yearbook is correct and then contact her with any changes.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs reported that Tim Lee suggests that we contact members of the Conference Committee and especially contact Robert Nichols often. Things may be slow to come out of committee. Tim emphasizes that we do not want a public vote on our COLA.

Safety - Chair Mary Sue Carter shared a handout entitled, "Quick Tips, Falls and Fractures" which lists and explains what could cause falls. Also included were "tips to help stay safe and avoid falls."

Community Volunteer Services – Chair Candye Martin shared Certificates of Recognition for having 2100 volunteer hours (the maximum) to Michael Benson, Barbara Black, Beverly Cavender, Pam Choate, and Linda Harrison. She stated that our total hours were fewer but 88 members responded! Candye also reminded members to continue recording volunteer hours throughout the summer.

Newsletter and Historian – Chair Jolene Lemaire shared that the deadline for newsletter items is August 25, 2023.

Scholarship – Chair Linda Briggs shared that on May 8, 2023, Charlie Jehlen, Thad Borne, and Donna Lumpkin presented the Wanda Borne Memorial Scholarship at the Nederland High School Awards ceremony to Ava Whitehead. The Port Neches-Groves scholarship winner will be announced next week.

Hospitality – President Jehlen thanked Rosalee Reese for her outstanding job of taking care of refreshments over several years. Chair Rosalie Reese shared that the new Chair is Brenda Philyaw who asked that members sign up for refreshments for next year on the sheet that she provided.

Memorials/Get-Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that Becky Dungan is getting better but that her oxygen level keeps fluctuating.

President's Report

President Charlie Jehlen stated that the goals for our unit remain the same (see below). However, please note that the goal for our chapter has increased to 350 based on our work from last year. He encouraged members to "push" member benefits in recruiting. He also awarded members for their achievements this past year: Donna Lumpkin for her work as secretary; Lynne James for all her work on the Yearbook, Technology, Retirement Education, Nominations, and incredible work on reconciling the Treasurer's duties after Wanda Borne died; Becky Dungan for all her work with Membership; Cathy Purgahn for her work with the Book Project and also providing most interesting programs for each meeting; Candye Martin for her work in getting volunteer hours collected and tallied; and Jolene LeMaire for the beautiful and informative newsletter produced each month.

2023-2024 Goals

- Maintain and increase membership enrollment. TRTA Goal is 100,000 members. MJCRSP goal is 350 members by December 31, 2023
- Increase active teacher contact and encourage participation
- Establish personal contact with government representatives at every level.

Unfinished Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- **Lynne James, Installation of Officers** – The following members were installed with a most interesting presentation by Immediate Past President Lynne James: President, Charlie Jehlen; First Vice President, Mary Sue Carter; Second Vice President, Cathy Purgahn; Secretary, Donna Lumpkin; Treasurer, Tricia Kimball. As Treasurer of MJCRSP, Tricia Kimball is now authorized to conduct all financial transactions with MCT credit union.

Announcements:

- **MJCRSP Planning Meeting:** August 8, 2023; time and location TBA
- **September Newsletter deadline:** Submissions to Jolene Lemaire by August 25, 2023
- **Next MJCRSP Meeting:** September 12, 2023, PNGISD Admin Bldg., 1:30 p.m.
- **TRTA District 5 Fall Conference:** October 5, 2023, (Tentative) St. Marks Church, Beaumont

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with 23 members present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Charlie Jehlen, President
