

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Marion and Ed Hughes Public Library, Nederland, Texas, on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Krohn and the invocation was given by Susan Jones. Pledges of allegiance were led by Loretta Morman.

Refreshments were provided by Dixie Tucker, Helen Reynolds, Loretta Morman, and Susan Jones with help from Linda Fong and Mary and Ted Loftin.

The minutes of the October 14, 2014, meeting were emailed to members with a few distributed for reading at each table. There being no additions and only one correction, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read.

Candy Martin, reporting for Treasurer Mary Beth McDuff, stated that as of October 31, 2014, the balance on hand was \$7,466.44. The report was filed for audit.

District V TRTA President, R.A. Hidalgo, addressed the membership regarding legislative training sessions and funding needed for TRS Care benefits. He urged all members to stay informed using the TRTA website, "The Voice," and "Before the Bell." He encouraged all to report any and all volunteer hours and to keep the community informed of our activities, including scholarships, the book project, and any other volunteer services. He also stressed the need for more members.

### **Committee Reports:**

Volunteer Services – Chairman Jessie Howard reemphasized the need to record/report **all** volunteer hours and to include what service was rendered. She will need everyone's account by January.

Yearbook – Chairman Becky Dungan stated that the Yearbooks were available for those who had not yet received them. Those that want an electronic version need to let her know.

Book Project – Chairman Patricia Allen announced that the third graders at Woodcrest Elementary and Van Buren Elementary would receive their books on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45, respectively.

Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds shared that for a happy, healthy holiday meal, use portion control.

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong reported that Mary Beth McDuff is recovering from her illness, that a memorial was sent in memory of Twyla Nau, and that Clara Graham's brother has died. She also shared that a different generic drug can be issued by the pharmacist at your request.

Legislative - Chairman Richard Briggs stated that TRS Care will be our major issue this legislative session, but that we will try to get a 3% increase for those not receiving it at our last session. Also, it is critical for all members to contact legislators to keep us from getting exorbitant premium increases.

Convention - President Gail Krohn shared that there are four rooms that have been reserved for those who attend. There will possibly be bus transportation (for a fee) for those only wanting to attend Rally Day on Wednesday of that week.

**Program:** Cindy Allen and Brenna Rodriguez shared the basics of hospice care, stating hospice care can be for as little as a few hours or as much as several years free of charge regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Volunteer services are welcomed.

### **Announcements:**

- Our December meeting place will be announced in the Newsletter
- Newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, November 26, 2014, at 9:00 at Hebert Library
- December Refreshment Committee: All members bring edibles with Rose Reese, Nellie Sue McCoy, Dana Wasser, Patsy Bartels, and Becky Dungan providing drinks and paper goods.

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.