

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Ritter Senior Citizen Center, Nederland, Texas, on October 13, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Krohn. Donna Lumpkin led the invocation and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Linda Fong. Refreshments were provided by Chairman Candye Martin, Mary Beth McDuff, Beulah Thompson, Linda Harrison, and Helen Reynolds.

The minutes of the September 8th meeting were emailed to a few members with some distributed for reading at each table. There being no additions and one correction, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Treasurer Mary Beth McDuff reported that as of September 30th, the balance on hand was \$5,880.59. The report was then filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Mary Beth McDuff, reporting for 1st Vice President Clara Graham, stated that we presently have 200 in our membership. She also said that if one has not paid dues in two years, that person is automatically entered as a new member when he/she does renew their membership.

Legislative – Lynne James reported on the Fall Conference that was held earlier this month, stating that it had been emphasized to NOT pay for one's membership through Diamond Plus, to read reports online, and to remind legislators that there are 200 retired teacher constituents just from our unit. Lynne also reminded us all that the state convention will be held in Houston in 2016.

Yearbook – Clara Graham, substituting for Becky Dungan, distributed our newly printed yearbooks to all present.

Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds reminded us that it is time to update our vaccinations: flu shot, one-time shingles vaccine, and two pneumonia shots (PCV13 and PPSV23). If you have not had either pneumonia vaccines, the PCV13 should be taken first, then at least one year later, take the PPSV23. If you have already had the PPSV23 shot, wait a year before taking the PCV13 shot. Contact your physician if you have any questions regarding the above.

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong shared that a memorial was sent in memory of Mary Fontenot. Other concerns included: Sandra Haven in the loss of her husband, Roxanne Fry in the loss of her father, Alice McEntire in the loss of her sister, Anita Harrell who had a triple by-pass and is still in ICU, the family of Charles Fleniken, who passed away, the family of Mabel Hill who passed away, as well as the family of Madeline Soileau, who passed away. Linda also supplied all present with folders from which she will be discussing different scams each month.

Technology – Chairman Lynne James shared that she has sent the 2015-2016 Yearbook to all by email and that it could also be found on our website.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

President Gail Krohn said she would contact Immediate Past President Linda Briggs regarding nominations to fill the Member Benefits Representative opening.

Program:

Chairman Dianne Trevey introduced our speaker Troy Gray, Director of the Gladys City Gusher Museum, who shared some of the history of Spindletop and programs in collaboration with Lamar University students. He voiced the need for docents and encouraged all interested by providing applications. He urged us to go on the museum's website for upcoming community events.

Announcements:

President Krohn reminded us that if each one would recruit just ONE other, we could double our membership. She also stated that the legislators are already working on the 2017 legislative year by forming a committee comprising of three senators and three representatives to examine the retired teachers' benefits (95% of the state membership does NOT receive social security benefits). Also, the newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, 10/29/15.

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. with 17 members and 1 guest present.