

,Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at Bonne Vie in Port Arthur, Texas, on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Linda Briggs, and pledges of allegiance were led by Linda and Curtis Harrison. Lunch was provided by Bonne Vie. Special guests were recognized and the luncheon was served.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:16. The minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by committee and floor as read. Secretary Donna Lumpkin read a postcard received urging the members to vote for candidates who support public education. She also read a thank you note from Gayle Butaud thanking us for the memorial given in Jean Butaud's memory. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the total balance on hand was \$8,423.86, which includes the scholarship money. The report was filed for audit. The 2018-2019 budget presented to the membership was approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Chair Linda Harrison shared that our total membership is now 275 including new member Louise Lattimore, who was in attendance.

**Legislative** – Chair Richard Briggs reiterated what State Representative Dade Phelan said in his presentation.

**Community Volunteer Services** – Chair Beulah Thompson reminded us that it's time to start calculating service hours earned from January to December 2018. We now can earn up to 3000 hours, 12 hours per day per year. Texas places a value of \$24.14 per service hour. Last year, our unit earned the equivalent of \$343,982.34. These numbers were recognized on the floor at state convention.

**Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well** – Chair Linda Fong had a "Tips Sheet" ready for distribution that lists Texas and US agencies/organizations that provide services and/or materials on a variety of issues which many retirees might need help or assistance.

**Programs** – Chair Linda Briggs announced that November's speaker will be Felicia Parker from STAP - Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program.

**Health Living** – Chair Helen Reynolds pointed out that flu vaccine time is a convenient time to get other vaccinations. The pneumonia and shingles vaccines are especially important. The new shingles vaccine (Shingrix) is 91% effective as compared to 41% effectiveness of the Zostavax vaccine. This new vaccine may be in limited supply. You receive the first dose, then the second two months later for full protection.

**Yearbook** – Chair Becky Dungan had copies of the 2018-2019 Yearbook ready for distribution. The digital copy will be ready soon. Becky asked that we check our contact information to be certain it is correct.

**Nominations** – Immediate Past President Gail Krohn announced that she is working on the 2019-2020 slate of officers.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

**Scholarship ads** – President James reminded the membership that it is time to revisit those businesses that bought ads last year. She had gift bags of information for those members who had sold ads last year. Ad renewals need to be turned in by January.

**State Convention** – State Convention will be held March 31 – April 2, 2019, in Austin. The hotel room cost is \$211 per night plus tax plus food and convention fees. This cost is supplemented by our unit but does not cover the total cost.

**Program:**

Richard Briggs introduced our guest speaker, Texas State Representative Dade Phelan, who shared information regarding concerns for retired teachers of Texas. He expressed that, as a whole, the Texas Senate is not really behind TRS.

**Announcements:**

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 10/25/18; assembly on 11/01/18 @ 9 a.m., PN Library
- **November 13, 2018 meeting:**
  - **Speaker:** Felicia Parker, STAP – Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program
  - **Refreshments:** Chair Candye Martin, Linda Harrison, Jolene LeMaire, and Beulah Thompson
- **TRTA State Convention: March 31-April 2, 2019, Austin; *Roar at the Capitol*, April 3**
- **Spring Leadership Conference: May 3, 2019, at First Baptist church, Nederland**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m. with 36 members and 17 guests present.

Donna Lumpkin  
Recording Secretary

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Lynne James  
President

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