

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINUTES
October 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Nederland, Texas on October 11, 2011, at 1:30 P.M. with 34 members and 1 guest present. The meeting was called to order by President Dana Wasser. The invocation was given by Frances Glaze. Pledges of Allegiance were led by Ron Hanks.

Refreshments were provided by Gail Krohn (Chair), Linda Harrison, Mary Beth McDuff, Helen Reynolds, and Dana Wasser. Donna Lumpkin thanked Rose Reese for taking her place for the September luncheon, each monthly committee chairman, and all the members who helped them.

Lynne James, Program Chairman, introduced our speaker, Kyle Hollier, Groves photographer and Councilman. His program, "What's Old Is New Again," explained how heirloom photos can be restored by several of his methods and by programs like Photoshop. Before and after photos were shown.

Following the program President Dana Wasser called the Business Meeting to order. She reported Ed White had passed away. Dana welcomed Jean Butaud back to the organization after a serious back injury during the summer.

Ellen Thornton, in the absence of Secretary Sue Croom, reported minutes of the September 13, 2011, meeting were sent to members by email, and a few copies were available for reading on each table. There being no additions or corrections, Richard Briggs moved (Clara Graham) they be approved as printed. Motion passed. A note from Kay Westbrook thanking members for their contribution to the B.A. Ritter Senior Citizen Center in Jim's memory was read.

Mary Beth McDuff, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit. Balance for 9/30/11 is \$4,787.22. (See attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative-Richard Briggs reported no increase in insurance premiums the next two years, but there will probably be an increase after that or benefit cuts. State made more contributions to the TRS fund. There is an all out push to change our Defined Benefit Program to a Defined Contribution Program.

Membership-Linda Briggs said we have 60-70 people who need to renew and 30 new people who have not joined. She passed out contact lists with those names and a script to assist current members in calling those to renew or to join. Linda can be e-mailed to get the information back to her. The state has a \$100 drawing for members who bring in new members.

Yearbook-Because of expense and waste, at this time Becky Dungan had only 200 books printed by Drago Printing for a cost of \$180.00 and an ad in the yearbook. This year we did not have a sponsor to pay for the total cost as Office Depot has done in the past. Members are asked to check their name off of a master list. They may also sign the list to pick up a book for another member. More books will be printed if they are needed. An adjustment needed to be made to the budget from \$100 to \$200 for the increase in printing costs. Judy Beasley made the motion (Mary Beth McDuff) to put \$200 in the budget for the cost of printing the yearbook. Motion carried. Suggestions to facilitate distribution of yearbooks included putting some in local libraries.

Health Care-Helen Reynolds reminded members to keep up with steps/miles and to turn in volunteer hours for 2011 by January. She reported on an article entitled Healthy and Tasty Treats for Fall. Pumpkins were mentioned as a low calorie food containing potassium, beta carotene, and having natural sweetness. Members can get pumpkin recipes at www.Health.com

Informative and Protective Services-Linda Fong distributed TIPS Brochures with addresses and phone numbers for help. Three memorials were sent for Jim Westbrook, Harry Charles, and Ed White. Sympathy cards were sent to Lynne James, Betty Cowan, and Pat Driver. Get well cards were sent to several members.

Community Volunteers-Jessie Howard asked members to help with the Angel Tree, Wednesday, November 30, and Thursday, December 1, two hours at a time. This would also count for volunteer hours. She encouraged more participation in submitting hours.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Dana asked for volunteers for the Nomination Committee to serve under Chairman Becky Dungan (Past President). Judy Beasley, Jane Horn, and Cookie Byrd volunteered to serve. Linda Harrison and Candice Haggard were also contacted and agreed to serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TRTA District V Fall Conference Thursday, October 13, 10AM - 2PM, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 680 Calder, Beaumont ;(Sign-in: 9:30 AM) 18 members signed to attend.
- Yearbook ads honor contributors: Drago's Printing, MCT Credit Union, Philpott, and AMBA.
- Newsletter will be assembled Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 AM, Hebert Library (PN)
- November 8th meeting - Speaker - Kay Herrington, Region V ESC Technology Coordinator: "Senior Geeks-To-Be" (Technology gadgets that will be of use or of interest to "senior citizens")
- November Refreshment Committee: Gail Krohn (chair), Linda Harrison, Mary Beth McDuff, Helen Reynolds, Dana Wasser

The business meeting adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

Ellen Thornton, absence of Recording Secretary