

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2016

The Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel held a luncheon for the newly retired school personnel at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Nederland, Texas, on September 13, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

President Lynne James welcomed special guests and all in attendance. The invocation was given by Donna Lumpkin and pledges of allegiance were led by Patricia Allen. Special guests were then introduced which included State Representative Dade Phelan, Jennifer Pate (State Senator Brandon Creighton's district director), and Commissioner Brent Weaver. Other special guests were Assistant Superintendents Dr. Stuart Kieschnick and Dr. Mike Laird from Nederland ISD; Assistant Superintendents Dr. Brenda Duhon and Dr. Marc Keith from Port Neches-Groves ISD; PNGISD Trustee Rodney Balsamo; June White, District V President and Past President of the Beaumont Association of Retired Teachers; and Charles Starcke, District V legislative chairman, District V parliamentarian, and member of Beaumont Association of Retired Teachers. New retirees, Linda Matts, Belinda Mitchell, and Mary Smith, were then introduced and recognized by 1st Vice-President Linda Harrison and Retirement Education Chairman Rose Reese. Mary Smith's name was drawn for the free one-year membership incentive. Officers and committee chairmen were also introduced.

The luncheon meal was provided by all members present and special thanks was given to Hospitality Chairman Beverly Minaldi and her committee (Candy Martin, Rose Reese, Candace Zummo, and Linda Pinner) for organizing the luncheon. Special guests and new retirees were then invited to be served first.

Upon completion of the meal, Legislative Chairman Richard Briggs introduced our speaker, State Representative Dade Phelan. Representative Phelan spoke to the legislative issues and their impact on retired school personnel. He then fielded questions regarding other concerns of the members.

President Lynne James then called the business meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 10th meeting were distributed for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by the floor as read. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of August 31, 2016, the balance on hand was \$7, 607.37. The report was filed for audit. The 2016-2017 budget (attached) proposed by Executive Committee was then approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Audit Report – Chairman Wanda Borne stated that the books are well-planned and ordered. She applauded Treasurer Loretta Morman's efforts.

Membership – Chairman Linda Harrison shared that we currently have 238 members, including 3 new members. However, there are 54 previous members who have not renewed. She urged to check the distributed list of these past members and reminded us to "Each One Bring One".

Yearbook – Chairman Becky Dungan asked that we make note of any changes in our address, email address, and/or phone number on the distributed sheets. She said the Yearbooks would be ready for distribution at our October meeting.

Protective Services/Memorial & Get Well – Chairman Linda Fong shared that Sammy LaRue lost his father during the summer and that Clover McKee is ill. She also shared that Frances Glaze is having problems with her foot but hopes to be back with us next month.

Health Care – Chairman Helen Reynolds was pleased to announce that for the third year in a row our unit has been awarded for "healthy eating" at our meetings. She also reminded us that it is time to update our shots (flu, pneumonia, shingles) and that frequent handwashing, especially after being away from home, can help prevent sickness.

Programs – 2nd Vice President Linda Briggs shared the program schedule for 2016-2017 meetings. She announced that Brian Perkins (Aetna representative/TRS Care) would be our speaker for October and that Tim Lee is the scheduled speaker for April. She also shared the other programs/speakers.

Hospitality – Chairman Beverly Minaldi thanked her committee and all the others for their help in organizing and preparing for the luncheon.

Member Benefits – Chairman Dana Wasser called to our attention that there was a handout available listing all the area businesses that offer discounts to TRTA members.

President's Report – President James emphasized her goals for our unit for the upcoming year: to increase active teacher contact and encourage participation; to maintain and increase membership enrollment; to establish personal contact with legislative representatives; and to inform members and non-member retirees of legislative issues of importance (health care and benefits).

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Scholarship Proposal/Committee – President Lynne James and Past President Gail Krohn proposed that we award \$500 scholarships for each of our Mid-County high schools. To fund this project, they suggested that we sell 20 \$50 advertisements for our Yearbook, at a negligible cost added to the printing cost of the Yearbook. These ads would also scroll across the top of our web page throughout the year. President James asked for volunteers to form an ad hoc committee to plan how our unit will conduct this project.

Announcements:

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 09/22/16; assembly 09/29/16 at 9 a.m. at PN Library
- **10/11/16 meeting:** Speaker Brian Perkins, Aetna representative/TRS Care; refreshments: Candye Martin (Chm), Linda Harrison, Beulah Thompson, Helen Reynolds, and Jolene Lemaire
- **District V Fall Conference: 10/06/16** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 680 Calder, Beaumont;
Time: registration at 9:30; conference from 10:00 to 2:00 with lunch at noon
Registration due to Lynne James by 09/14/16 (**\$7** fee; reimbursement is **\$10** to District V for no-shows)
Speakers: TRTA (Marcy Cann), TRS (Ray Spivey), District V (Charles Starcke, Legislation)
- **Curves cookbook** with 300 recipes on sale for \$11; proceeds will go to Breast Cancer research

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m. with 27 members, 3 new members, and 10 special guests.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary