

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel New Retirees Luncheon was held at Bonne Vie in Port Arthur, Texas, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Gail Krohn, and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Patricia Allen and Linda Pinner. Our National Anthem and "God Bless America" were led by Billy Curl. Our luncheon was provided by Bonne Vie. The minutes of the May 8th meeting were emailed to a few members with copies made available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as read. Secretary Donna Lumpkin read thank you notes from Cookie Byrd and Patsy Bartels for contributions given in memory of their loved ones, Zach Byrd and Donald Bartels. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of August 31, 2018, the total balance on hand was \$9,101.38, which includes scholarship money. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Audit – Chair Wanda Borne reported that the books are balanced, as always.

Hospitality – Chair Beverly Minaldi reminded the membership that we would again be at Bonne Vie for next month's luncheon meeting. Bonne Vie has agreed to provide the meal with a different menu.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs said he had nothing to add to what our guest speaker had shared.

Membership – Chair Linda Harrison shared that our total membership is 273. Eight new retirees who have joined were present. New member Lori Halbert's name was drawn for the free one-year's membership.

Membership Incentives Drawings – Linda Harrison (Membership Chair) and Rosalee Reese (Retirement Education Chair) drew names for \$50 gift cards from those who had become new members and all present members. Winners were: Marsha Comer, Dorothy Amy, Jack Lynch, and Beverly Terrell. Names that were drawn from those who had recruited new members were: Becky Viator and Linda Howard Moore. They each received a \$50 prize as well.

Programs – Richard Briggs, reporting for Chair Linda Briggs, shared that State Representative Dade Phelan would be our speaker for the October luncheon.

Yearbook – Chair Becky Dungan reminded the membership that she still needs ANY change in contact information.

Protective Services/Memorials & Get Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that there have been several deaths of members and members' loved ones: Candice Zummo lost her mother in May; Kathleen Dalby lost her husband in July; and Jean Butaud (our president from 2001-2003) passed in August. We recently found out that Charlotte Mann died last September. Pat Pylate is now under hospice care. On a happier note, Alice McEntire has moved to Hawaii to be with her son. Linda also warned us of two phone scams: one appears to be from Entergy claiming the electricity will be turned off in 30 minutes for non-payment; the other appears to be from Mid-County Teachers Credit Union.

President's Report – President Lynne James presented goals for 2018-2019:

- To increase active teacher contact and cooperation and encourage participation by active retirees
- Maintain and increase membership enrollment
- Establish personal contact with legislative representatives
- Inform members and non-member retirees of legislative issues of importance (health care and benefits/retirement fund)

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

President James asked that those who planned to attend the District V Fall Conference to sign up by September 17, 2018. A sign-up sheet was made available.

Program:

Richard Briggs introduced our guest speaker, Bill Barnes, TRTA Legislative Coordinator, who shared information regarding TRS health care benefits and other concerns for retired teachers of Texas. He encouraged the membership to be in contact with legislators on a personal basis, to "tell your story."

Announcements:

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 09/20/18; assembly on 09/27/18 @ 9 a.m., PN Library
- **October 9, 2018 meeting:**
 - **Speaker:** State Representative Dade Phelan
 - **Refreshment coordination:** Chair Candye Martin, Linda Harrison, Jolene LeMaire, and Beulah Thompson
- **October 4, 2018 – District 5 Fall Conference** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 680 Calder, Bmt.
 - **Time:** 9:30 (registration); 10:00 to noon (speakers: TRTA, TRS, District 5 legislative chair, memorials, business); noon to 1:00 (lunch); 1:00 to 2:00 (business continued)
 - **Sign-up** with Lynne by **September 17; lunch fee \$10** (no-shows reimburse District 5)
 - **Membership report** (Linda Harrison) **due to Bettie Nixon by September 18**
 - **Memorials** (Linda Fong) **due to Artemus Hancock by September 18**
- **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 1:53 p.m. with 41 members and 11 guests present. (Eight new retirees were in attendance who had also joined.)

Donna Lumpkin
Recording Secretary

Lynne James
President
