

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at PNGISD Administration Building on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Charlie Jehlen. President Jehlen also led us in the invocation and pledges of allegiance. The minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting had been emailed to members. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. President Jehlen presented Treasurer Wanda Borne's report which stated that the total balance on hand as of December 31, 2022, was \$15,134.84 (which includes scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Healthy Living – Chair Helen Reynolds shared that health scams, also called fraud, exist to make viewers buy goods and/or services that are not regulated in any way and are not scientifically proven safe and effective for the ads' stated purpose. These scams want only one thing: viewers' money.

Membership – Chair Becky Dungan reported that our current total membership is 271 (this does *not* include members who are members of the state only). March begins our 2023-2024 membership drive. Becky stated that there will be another "incentive" drawing for the "early birds" signing up early.

Programs and Book Project - Chair Cathy Purgahn stated that she does need program suggestions for the 2023-2024 program year and welcomes suggestions from all members. She also shared that our February guest speaker will share knowledge regarding Alzheimer's.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs recommended that members watch Tim Lee's video on Face Book January 19th. Today (January 10th) was the first day of the legislative session and Tim Lee will have an update on the status of COLA each day. Richard urged members to contact their State Representatives and Senators and let them know we need a pay raise and that we have had *none* since 2004.

Informative and Protective Services - Chair Mary Sue Carter shared a handout entitled *Five Myths About Aging* which included: 1. The older you get, the less sleep you need; 2. Depression is normal in older adults; 3. Older adults can't learn new things; 4. Memory problems always mean Alzheimer's disease; 5. Older adults do not need exercise.

Community Volunteer Services – Chair Candye Martin shared that she still needs volunteer hours from each member.

Newsletter and Historian – Chair Jolene Lemaire shared that newsletter items need to reach her by January 25th.

Hospitality – President Jehlen thanked Chair Rosalie Reese and her committee for always having great refreshments each meeting.

Memorials/Get-Well – Reporting for Chair Linda Fong, Donna Lumpkin shared that Linda needs our prayers because of many health issues she is dealing with right now. There were no other members that were reported to have health problems.

President's Report

President Charlie Jehlen stated that the goals for our unit remain the same (see below). He also reminded all members that the legislative session will last 180 days and that we all need to contact our legislative members especially regarding COLA.

2022-2023 Goals

- Maintain and increase membership enrollment. TRTA Goal is 100,000 members. MJCRSP goal is 300 members by December 31, 2023
- Increase active teacher contact and encourage participation
- Establish personal contact with government representatives at every level.

Unfinished Business:

- Retiree Luncheon – November 14, 2023 at Bonne Vie to begin at 11:00 a.m. has been the tentative date and place and time set. We will finalize this at our February meeting.
- Bus to Austin – Discussion was held regarding transportation to Austin for members in April.

New Business:

- Election of MJCRSP officers for 2023-2024 – First Vice President Becky Dungan presided over election of officers for 2023-2024. Nominated were President, Charlie Jehlen; 1st Vice President, Mary Sue Carter; 2nd Vice President, Cathy Purgahn; Secretary, Donna Lumpkin; and Treasurer, Wanda Borne. There were no other nominations. Dana Wasser moved that this slate be elected; Richard Briggs seconded. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Program:

President Jehlen introduced our speaker, Donna Lumpkin, who shared about Pueblo Indian Story Tellers.

Announcements:

- **January Newsletter deadline:** Submissions to Jolene Lemaire by January 25, 2023
- **Next MJCRSP Meeting:** February 7, 2023, PNGISD Administration Building, 1:30 p.m.
- **TRTA State Convention:** April 12, 2023
- **Reminder:** There will be ***no meeting in April*** due to State Convention
- **TRTA District 5 Spring Conference:** May 5, 2023, First Baptist Church, Nederland, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; hosted by MJCRSP

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with 24 members present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Charlie Jehlen, President
