

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the Ritter Senior Citizens Center in Nederland, Texas, on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:24 p.m. by President Lynne James. The invocation was given by Loretta Morman, and the pledges of allegiance were led by Linda Fong and Rebecca Dungan. Refreshments were provided by hostesses Candye Martin (Chair), Linda Harrison, Jolene Lemaire, and Beulah Thompson. The minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting were emailed to a few members with hard copies made available for reading at each table. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. Secretary Donna Lumpkin read thank you notes from the families of Bob Shields, Barbara Russell, and Betty Jo White. Treasurer Loretta Morman reported that as of December 31, 2019, the total balance on hand was \$9,278.50 (which includes scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Chair Linda Harrison reported that our current total membership is 335 (this includes 33 members who are members of the state only). Linda reminded the membership that the “Each One Bring One” forms were available. Those who have turned in their forms are eligible for the EOBO drawing to be held at the state convention.

**Volunteer Services** – Chair Beulah Thompson shared that 20,969 hours have been accumulated for 2019 with many volunteer hours being turned in today. The new total will be reported next meeting. There have been 14 new members participating and 41 other members that hadn’t contributed in the past. This made for a successful effort in informing the membership what constitutes Volunteer Community hours. Beulah thanked President James for her help.

**Informative & Protective Services** – Chair Mary Sue Carter had handouts available for the membership regarding “Boosting Your Brain Through Volunteering” and “Fraud Alert 2020”. The back of the handout had two recipes for a “healthy brain.”

**Memorials/Get-Well** – Chair Linda Fong shared that former member Bob Shields passed away last month. Also, Gail Krohn’s son is very ill.

**Book Project** – Chair Linda Briggs said that 106 books were distributed to Hillcrest Elementary fourth graders in Nederland on January 14, 2020. All students and teachers seemed very pleased. On January 28, 2020, 120 books will be distributed to fourth graders at Highland Park Elementary.

**Programs** - Chair Beverly Minaldi stated that the speaker for our February meeting is to be announced and to watch the newsletter for the announcement.

**Member Benefits** – Chair Shelley Dettman shared that another AMBA informational dinner invitation had been sent to TRTA members. The dinner was scheduled for January 15, 2020.

**Retirement Education** – Chair Dana Wasser shared that she had visited both Nederland and Port Neches-Groves districts and had given retirement information for all new and upcoming retirees. She also included her contact information in case anyone had questions or needed more materials. Three mid-year retirees have already turned in retirement paperwork, but TRTA packets will be mailed to them.

**Healthy Living** – Chair Helen Reynolds shared that in 2020, healthy living and wellness news will focus on several trends: plant-based products, the connection between the gut and the brain, the use of natural remedies over prescriptions, the emphasis on the vital importance of adequate sleep, and will stress home cooking as a means to connect with family and friends.

**Scholarship Ads** – Co-Chair Lynne James stated that we have about \$4000 in our scholarship fund.

## **Unfinished Business:**

None

## **New Business:**

**Election of 2020-2021 Officers** – President James, reporting for Immediate Past President Gail Krohn, shared the 2020-2021 Slate of Officers: President – Charlie Jehlen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Gail Krohn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Linda Briggs, Secretary – Donna Lumpkin, and Treasurer – Wanda Borne. The slate was elected by acclamation. These officers will be installed in May. At this time, President James asked that all committee chairs turn in a list of members of their committees to our President-Elect Charlie Jehlen.

**Election of Convention Delegates** – Delegates were selected by secret ballot and are as follows: Becky Dungan, Clara Graham, Lynne James, Jolene Lemaire, and Donna Lumpkin. Dana Wasser will be an alternate. Wanda Borne will also be attending as a District 5 Delegate.

## **Program:**

Beverly Minaldi introduced our guest speaker, Kara Timberlake of the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, who shared information about the museum's features and programs throughout the year. After her presentation, President James shared with her that a donation had been made in her honor to our scholarship fund.

## **Announcements:**

- **Newsletter deadline:** Submissions by 01/23/20; assembly on 01/30/20, 9 a.m., PN library
- **February 11th Meeting:**
  - **Time:** 1:30
  - **Place:** Ritter Senior Citizen Center
  - **Program:** Speaker TBA
  - **Hostesses:** Gail Krohn (Chair), Patricia Allen, Donna Lumpkin, and Helen Reynolds
- **64<sup>th</sup> TRTA State Convention:** April 6 - 8, 2020, Corpus Christi
- **Spring Leadership Conference:** May 1, 2020, 10:00 to 2:00 @ First Baptist Church, Nederland
- **Tim Foust** (son of teacher Dena Foust) will be inducted into the Music Hall of Fame at the Museum of the Gulf Coast on January 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with 29 members and 1 guest present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Lynne James, President

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