

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the PNGISD Administration Building in Port Neches on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Charlie Jehlen. President Jehlen also led the invocation and pledges of allegiance. The minutes of the October 11, 2022, meeting had been emailed to members. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. Treasurer Wanda Borne presented the treasurer's reports for August and September of 2022, which stated that the total balance on hand as of October 31, 2022, was \$13,317.23 (which includes scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Healthy Living – Chair Helen Reynolds shared that our health insurance, United Healthcare TRS Medicare Advantage, has great help for us at no extra cost: a medical alert system from Lifeline called On the Go that is easy to sign up for using your policy number and is easy to use. The device covers all medical concerns and is especially good for detecting falls. In addition, our insurance offers FirstLine Benefits for over-the-counter medical supplies. We receive a catalog and \$40 every 3 months to order the items we need. The money holds over until the end of the year. Take advantage of these excellent benefits from our insurance program.

Membership – First Vice President Becky Dungan reported that our current total membership is 264 (this does *not* include members who are members of the state only. Becky added that we will continue to accept members through December. Another drawing will be held at our December meeting of those who have recruited new or renewing members with the prize being a \$50 Walmart gift card. Becky reminded recruiters to be sure to add their name at the bottom of each recruitment card to receive credit for having recruited that member.

Programs and Book Project – Second Vice President Cathy Purgahn stated that our December guest speaker will be an AMBA representative to answer any questions we may have regarding AMBA. She added that Philpott has once again agreed to donate \$500 for our book project.

Retirement Education, Yearbook, Technology – Immediate Past President Lynne James shared that copies of our current yearbook are still available. She reminded members that the yearbook can be downloaded online, giving the passcode as *mjcrrsp2022-23*. Or, Lynne will email you a copy if need be. Lynne also shared that Mary Sue Carter will be our new Membership Chair.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs shared that a COLA (cost of living adjustment) is a possibility – asking for about 9%. Also possible in the next legislative session is a permanent 13th check (meaning we could possibly receive a 13th check each year).

Informative & Protective Services – Chair Mary Sue Carter shared a handout entitled *Falls and Fractures: Part 2* which gave information regarding weak bones, your own medical alarm, and several suggestions on how to make your home safe.

Community Volunteer Services – Chair Candye Martin shared that p. 55 of our yearbook can help members keep track of their volunteer hours. She asked to have each one's total number of hours ready to turn in for January 1st.

Newsletter and Historian – Chairs Jolene Lemaire and Olive Hall shared that items for the December newsletter need to reach her by November 24th.

Publicity and Scholarship – Reporting for Chair Gail Krohn, Lynne James shared that scholarship applications are now available online on our website.

Memorials/Get-Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that nonmember Don Mott has passed away. Also, Brad and Theresa Burnett are in ill-health

President's Report

President Charlie Jehlen stated that the goals for our chapter remain the same (see below). Charlie also said that he needs to know who is planning to go to the TRTA Day at the Capitol as well as who will be riding the bus to Austin. He's asked that the form that was sent out which includes this information be returned ASAP.

2022-2023 Goals

- Maintain and increase membership enrollment. TRTA Goal is 100,000 members.
- MJCRSP Goal is 300 members by December 31, 2022.
- Increase active teacher contact and encourage participation.
- Establish personal contact with government representatives at every level.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Program:

Immediate Past President Lynne James introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Michael Gonzales, PNGISD Superintendent, who shared information regarding the progress of the four new elementary schools being built in PNGISD. He said two of the new schools will house pre-K-2nd grade while two others will house grades 3, 4 and 5.

Announcements:

- **Election Day: November 8, 2022**
- **December Newsletter deadline:** Submissions to Jolene Lemaire November 24, 2022
- **Next MJCRSP Meeting:** December 13, 2022, Effie & Wilton Port Neches Public Library, 1:30 p.m.
- **TRTA Day at the Capitol:** April 12, 2023
- **TRTA District 5 Spring Conference:** May 5, 2023, First Baptist Church, Nederland, hosted by MJCRSP

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. with 22 members and 3 guests present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Charlie Jehlen, President