

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2022

The business meeting of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel was held at the PNGISD Administration Building of Port Neches on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by First Vice President Rebecca Dungan. Richard Briggs led the invocation and pledges of allegiance. The minutes of the November 8, 2022, meeting had been emailed to members. There being only one correction, the minutes were approved by committee and floor as printed. Treasurer Wanda Borne presented the treasurer's report for November of 2022, which stated that the total balance on hand as of November 30, 2022, was \$14, 549 (which includes scholarship money). The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Healthy Living – Chair Helen Reynolds shared that the power of optimism is that “mind over matter” can be beneficial in many ways, such as adding years to one's life; helping one to recover better from traumatic brain injury, tumor, or stroke; and creating the expectation or hope for positive outcomes to all the challenges of life.

Membership – First Vice President Becky Dungan reported that our current total membership is 270 (this does *not* include members who are members of the state only. A drawing was held from the bounty of recruiters and Richard Briggs' name was drawn. He received a \$50 gift certificate from Walmart.

Programs and Book Project – Second Vice President Cathy Purgahn stated that a \$500 donation was received from Philpott for our Book Project program. Cathy also shared that Donna Lumpkin will present January's program regarding “storytellers.”

Nominations & Scholarships – Immediate Past President Lynne James shared that all current officers have agreed to return if elected except for Becky Dungan. Mary Sue Carter has agreed to fill the First Vice President position if elected. Lynne also stated that all scholarship monies need to be turned in by January. She also made a plea for members to step forward to work on committees, especially those who have not done so recently.

Legislative – Chair Richard Briggs shared that Tim Lee said that a WEP press conference will be held tomorrow (12.14.22). He added that we'll need to email Tim to see what time. He added that members need to call congressmen regarding WEP. Members can contact Tim Lee's email today.

Informative & Protective Services – Chair Mary Sue Carter shared a handout entitled “Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires” which gave suggestions regarding Christmas lights, live tree fires, lighted candles, and heat sources too close to the Christmas tree.

Community Volunteer Services – Chair Candye Martin reminded members to email or text her or hand their volunteer hours directly to her by the January 10th meeting. Candye shared that a record can be kept on p. 55 of the year book for ease in keeping track.

Newsletter and Historian – Chair Jolene Lemaire asked that all January newsletter items reach her by December 24, 2022.

Memorials/Get-Well – Chair Linda Fong shared that member Amy Prouse lost her mother in November. President Charlie Jehlen had gall bladder surgery yesterday and that Linda herself is undergoing tests.

President's Report

First Vice President Becky Dungan, reporting for President Charlie Jehlen, stated that the goals for our unit remain the same (see below).

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:

Second Vice President Cathy Purgahn introduced Jerry Miller who entertained us with delightful Christmas music and invited all to sing along.

Cathy also presented our guest speaker, Sarah Lynch, AMBA District manager, who shared TRTA member benefits with AMBA.

Announcements:

- **January Newsletter deadline:** Submissions to Jolene Lemaire December 24, 2022
- **Next MJCRSP Meeting:** January 10, 2023, PNGISD Admin Building, 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 2:35 p.m. with 20 members and 2 guests present.

Donna Lumpkin, Recording Secretary

Rebecca Dungan, First Vice President