COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING September 10, 2020

Those in attendance included Liz Bouis, Susan Crooks, Lester Dean, Ida Dixon, Sue Hawkins, Linda McPherson, Judy Munson, Debby Overstreet, Beverly Shumake, Kitty Smith and Carolyn Waters.

President Ida Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM at New Beginnings Methodist Church in Kennesaw. She distributed hand-outs on State Requirements, the new Budget, and the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. There was a sign-up sheet and a display sign for Apples during Retired Educators Week.

We have approximately 50 new GREA members but need 92. We have around 400 current C-MREA members. There were 140 new retirees and we do have their names and addresses but no phone numbers.

The Minutes were corrected. Carolyn's name is Waters. We paid \$571 for insurance. Our Scholarships were and are \$2,000 each. Then the Minutes were approved.

Beverly went over the proposed Budget in detail. There were many changes because of our current situation. We owe Connie Kone for Constant Contact (around \$575) and Bill Johnson about \$18.85 for the web site. Sue Hawkins, Linda Morrell and Herman Wood paid Blue Domino and Word Press for additional web security. Members must pay \$5 for printed Directories. We will consider Box Lunches during 2021-2022 but have no plans to provide food during the 2020-2021 year. We usually mail less than 30 Newsletters. We current have

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General Fund \$3,696.29

Money Market \$21,829.03

Wright Fund \$26,651.40 McClure \$159,826.59

The Scholarship was announced in the Marietta Daily Journal and the application is on the web site. Susan contacted last year's applicants. The Deadline is October 30. The applicant must be enrolled in an educational program (preferably in a Georgia School).

We plan to meet in-person in October at New Beginnings Methodist Church at 2975 Cobb Parkway in Kennesaw at 10:30 AM. Each meeting is limited to 50 members and will be offered on-line. Crochet Pumpkins and Christmas Ornaments will be our Door Prizes for the first two meetings. The meetings are

October 8 – Lester will Install the Officers, Beverly will describe the Budget, AMBA will presented their programs. School Supplies are the Community Service Project. No November Meeting.

December 10 – We will distribute four \$2,000 Scholarships. Brenda Degioanni from Cobb Homeless will briefly speak. She will pick up gift cards/cash, our Community Service Project. Liz will talk about GREA.

No January 2021 Meeting.

February 11, 2021 – Ehsan Kattoula from Cobb Schools will speak. Lester will do a Legislative Update. We will collect donations for Spotlight Ads.

March 11 – An Elder Care speaker will present. We will donate items and cash for Hollydale Backpacks.

April 8 – The Memorial Program will be featured. We will collect money for MUST Summer Lunches. The year will be recapped. Officers will be Installed.

Liz will send out a Newletter soon. She will explained that members who cannot attend the meeting can send checks to Beverly and school supplies with a friend.

We will continue to do Joe's Brag Jar. The State GREA Convention will be in Augusta on May 4,5 and 6.

GREA provided us with \$100 to do something now for teachers. Ida will do a gift card raffle. We hope to get a Proclamation from each Cobb City for Retired Teachers Week in November. Crochet items and jellies were distributed as Door Prizes. We adjourned at 1:03 PM.

Sincerely,

Ida Dixon CMREA President