

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 10:01 am.

WELCOME-

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included: Carolyn Waters, Ida Dixon, Judy Munson, Debby Overstreet, Lynn Pintavalle, Kitty Smith, Rusty Hill, Lester Dean, Christine Wise, and Janet Robison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Janet requested an approval of the May 25, 2023 (Board Meeting) Minutes. The minutes were approved with the changes as reflected to the Approved Board Meeting Minutes. Three corrections to these minutes included a correction to Ron Croker's name, the word 'suction' changed to 'auction', and a presentation to Ann Rich to be made in September, not August. Judy Munson made the motion and Kitty Smith seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved.

The Budget was reviewed and approved. Ida Dixon moved and Carolyn Waters seconded the motion for the budget to be approved. The budget will be presented to the membership at the first meeting in August.

Janet will contact Marietta United Methodist Church to let them officially know that we will not be using the facility this year. She will also be checking on the availability of the August meeting speaker, Michael Kobito.

GOALS – The 2023-2024 Goals were discussed and approved. They are in line with the State Goals: Get on the Bus to support our community and schools and to promote fellowship and support for our members.

MEETING WORKSHEET – The August meeting will be held at the new meeting location: Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Box lunches from Chicken Salad Chick will be available for purchase. Ida Dixon suggested that yellow and blue balloons be placed at the entrance to the Community Center. Janet Robison will provide the balloons.

The remaining meetings meals were discussed. The September meeting will be Publix sandwiches and sides. The October meeting will be McAlisters. The November meeting will be Jimmy Johns or Jersey Mikes. Ida Dixon suggested that a speaker from 'Aloha to Aging' organization be asked to speak during the November meeting. Ida Dixon will contact the organization. The December meeting will include fried chicken with sides and dessert provided by the Executive Committee. Ida Dixon and Janet Robison will provide cookies, Debby Overstreet will provide potato salad, Kitty Smith will provide macaroni and cheese, and Janet Robison will provide green beans. Future meals will be determined at the January 2024 Executive Board Meeting.

There will be no Harvest Pickin's Auction for the 2023-2024 year. Next year might be better once a permanent meeting location has been established. Ida Dixon will be making pumpkins to be sold at the meeting. Proceeds will go to Totes for Tots. Monies from spotlight ads will go to the General Fund. Membership will be encouraged to purchase more spotlight ads for this year. The number of scholarships were raised from four to five for this coming year. Ida Dixon moved and Debby Overstreet seconded the motion to raise the number of scholarships from four to five. The Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure will include a third scholarship award. Ida Dixon will inform the Scholarship Committee Chair, Susan Crooks, of the approved change.

The September and December meetings will be at the Ben Robertson Community Center. The October and November meetings will be held at New Beginnings Methodist Church, 2975 Cobb Parkway NW, Kennesaw.

NEW BUSINESS –

Judy Munson, Rusty Hill, Debby Overstreet, Ida Dixon, Kitty Smith, Lester Dean, and Liz Bouis will attend the August 30th Area meeting in Rock Springs Georgia. Additional attendees will be solicited at the first membership meeting in August. Group will make carpool arrangements among the attendees.

Rusty Hill commented on the website needing to be updated. He will contact Linda Morrell for any assistance that he could provide.

Judy Munson divided up the list of last year's Cobb and Marietta School Systems' retirees among the group, who will attempt to research addresses of the retirees so that a letter could be sent inviting them to join Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association.

Janet shared celebrations for the birth of her new grandson who arrived on June 6th. Carolyn Waters shared her return from a mission trip to Kenya in Africa. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.