

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 10:00 am.

WELCOME-

Janet introduced the 2023-2024 Chapter Officers. She asked for any changes to the contact information. President-elect Rusty Hill indicated that his email should be: claytonrhill@yahoo.com and that his street address should read 1655 Oakford Court. Secretary Christine Wise indicated that her email should be: christinenwise@gmail.com. Treasurer Liz Bouis indicated that her phone number should be 678-522-3926. There were no other changes.

Janet then introduced the 2023-2024 Committee Chairpersons. The changes to this list included an updated phone number for Lester Dean (770-427-8722). Patty Wheeler's email should read: pattywheeler@comcast.net. Kitty Smith's phone number should read: 770-265-9138. There were no other changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Janet requested an approval of the January 12, 2023 (Board Meeting) Minutes. The group approved the minutes. Janet also requested an approval of the last membership meeting minutes of April 13, 2023. Two corrections to these minutes included Secretary's name is Christine Wise and Liz Bouis is the Treasurer not the Bookkeeper. With these changes noted, the minutes were approved by the group members.

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 – Group discussed proposed worksheet of dates, decoration committee, speakers and events, and community service focus for 2023-2024 meetings. Volunteers for the decoration chairs and committee members were requested and assigned a meeting date. There were two Speaker possibilities. It was suggested the CCSD Superintendent or his representative (Sheri Hill) as well as former State Teacher of the Year be asked to speak at the first meeting in August. Neeley Young, an author of *Made in Georgia*, was suggested for the March 2024 meeting. Changes were suggested that Ron Croker speak about his Transformation Center in September as part of CMREA Community Service. It was suggested that Daryl Doby be asked to speak about Totes to Tots in October as part of CMREA Community Service. For the November meeting, it was suggested that members be invited to participate in the auction and/or to make a cash donation for the Scholarship Fund. Teacher of the Year recognition was added to the December meeting. The final suggested change to the proposed meeting worksheet included changing donations for Totes to Tots instead of the March of Dimes.

Further discussion regarded adding a 5th scholarship of \$2000.00 to be awarded in December. The group concurred.

NEW BUSINESS –

Liz Bouis provided a 2023-2024 Budget Handout for everyone to review. She recommended that Lifetime membership monies be transferred to the savings account. She also suggested that the category labeled Newsletter, Copies, Postage be changed to Mailings. The group reviewed that 2023 – 2024 Actual and Budgeted Amount (areas highlighted in yellow). Looking at the 2022-2023 budget, Liz Bouis asked that we send the budgeted amount of \$400.00 (\$100.00 for the Handbook production and \$300.00 for the monthly programs) to New Beginning United Methodist Church to cover the printing done for us this year. Debby Overstreet made the motion and Ida Dixon seconded. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Judy Munson and seconded by Debby Overstreet to add a budget line for GREM each Cobb County Teacher of the Years to the GRE Foundation. The motion carried.

It was recommended that a reminder be placed in the August program regarding 2023 – 2024 Membership dues, which are due by September 14, 2023. Annual dues are \$30.00; Lifetime dues are \$200.00; and a hard copy of the Directory is \$5.00.

It was recommended that Ann Rich will receive Emeritus Membership. The group concurred. Janet will fill out the form and send it in. Presentation will be made at the September meeting. Copies of the 2023 – 2024 Bylaws were provided to chapter officers to review prior to the next executive board meeting on July 20, 2023.

The group discussed possible new meeting locations. Janet will contact the following locations and get information: Roberts Community Center, Salvation Army on Waterman Street, and Marietta Garden Club. The group also discussed new food possibilities, running from a hot meal for each meeting to alternating between hot meals and box lunch. Janet and Judy will research potential caterers for lunch. Group members were asked to think about someone to take over coordinating the lunches for the meetings. A GRE SWAG Order Form was given to the group members.

The group reviewed the calendar. The Officer Information Report, the History Update Report and the Scrapbook Update Page were completed by Carolyn Waters and sent to the appropriate people. The next Board Meeting Date will be on July 20, 2023 at 10:00 at NBUMC. The first CRMEA meeting will be August 10, 2023. The meeting location is still to be determined. The Area meeting will be August 30th at Rock Spring United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. The fee includes lunch \$15-\$20.

Janet shared celebrations for Judy Munson's successful surgery and the upcoming birth of Janet Robison's grandson. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.