

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

August 12, 2021

President Ida Dixon called us to order at 11:07 AM at Marietta First United Methodist Church. Deborah Paul led us in the Pledge and Carolyn Wilson did the Inspiration (a poem about Georgia by Lester Dean). Ida encouraged us to volunteer to do the Pledge and Inspiration.

Andy Gaines, Manager of The Strand and a Cobb County Schools graduate, was the guest speaker. He suggested that we take advantage of the many cultural events presented at The Strand.

There were four new members present. May, June, July and August Birthdays were recognized. Nell Purvis, who recently turned 90, was presented with the GREA Emeritus Membership Award by Joe Boland. GREA President Dr. Henrietta Gray's philanthropic project is March of Dimes.

Ida explained that there were six meetings last year with about 25 members present at each. She introduced the Officers and mentioned the Standing Committees list was distributed. She recommended that members volunteer to participate on those committees. She announced that C-MREA would receive a Unit of Distinction Award for 2020-2021 at the October Convention.

During the Business section of the meeting, Ida reminded us of the requirements set forth by the church. We are to sign in and wear name tags. The church will not cater lunch but may allow us to provide boxed lunches. We are waiting on board permission for that. The April 2021 Minutes were approved as printed. Beverly Shumake prevented the Budget for 2021-2022 which was approved. She also gave the Financial Report –

General Account	\$3,631.91
Money market	\$21,426.87
Wright Fund	\$24,716.23
McClure Fund	\$156,376.95

The By Laws change for Article V, Section 3, Term of Officers was distributed and read. Our 2020-2021 Officers were reelected for 2021-2022. This will be voted on at the September meeting. Lester Dean gave the Audit Committee Report which was excellent. He bragged on Beverly. The suggestion was made that we check on receiving more interest on our accounts with Credit Union of Georgia. Liz Bouis will take over Spotlight Ads for Debby Overstreet who has just undergone a serious surgery. These "Ad" are our fund raiser and will appear on our newsletters, website, programs and directory. Ads are due in early October. Patty Wheeler described hours for others. Judy Munson discussed Membership. We need 95 new GREA members. She requested updates on members' addresses, phone numbers and emails. Life Time Members were asked to make donations. Printed Directories are \$5 each. The October 19, 20 and 21 Convention is in Augusta. The May Convention is in Stone Mountain. The Area Meeting was canceled. Please donate items for the Auction. Let Ida know if you would be interested in a study done on social studies teachers working between 1968 and 1971. Door Prizes were distributed. The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.