

## COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS MEETING

December 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 11:12 am.

### **WELCOME-**

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rusty Hill. Carolyn Wilson delivered the Inspiration, a proverb. Janet Robison recognized those members with December birthdays: Carolyn Waters, Joanne Mazula, and Beckham Sawyer. Janet Robison passed around Joe's Brag Jar.

Janet Robison introduced our speakers, Kati Auton and Carolyn Glaze, representing the Cobb County Homeless Education Program. They shared several of the programs this organization offers to the more than 1500 students who are considered homeless in Cobb County. They further shared that the focus of the program is educational stability.

### **BUSINESS MEETING –**

Meeting Minutes - Janet requested an approval of the November 2023 Minutes. Carolyn Waters made the motion, which was seconded by Ann Rich, that the minutes be approved. The membership agreed. Canisters were passed around for the Homeless Program. The membership donated \$285.00 in cash and \$420.00 in gift cards to the program.

Finance Report –Judy Munson presented the Finance Report. She stated the everything was good and balances are beginning to get bigger. The amounts listed in the scholarship funds were less than last month because the checks were issued to the five scholarship recipients: Kimberly Amaya (Peggy Whitfield Scholarship), Jeffrey Crocker (Ruby Sewel Wright Scholarship), and Trang (VI) Huynh, Dwymeshia McConn and Maira Weitkamp (Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure Scholarship). Connie Kone and Kitty Smith shared the names of the scholarship recipients with the membership and stated that there were a lot more applications this from which to choose. Janet Robison approved the Finance Report.

The following is from the Financial Report as of 30 November 2023.

General Account Balance: \$844.98

Money Market Account (P. Whitfield Scholarship): \$14,509.49.

Ruby Sewell Wright Money Market Fund: \$18,982.71.

Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure Scholarship Fund: \$145,648.16.

Savings Account: \$10,239.85.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Judy Munson shared that our local unit is doing well. Our unit has had 54 new GREA members. We need 53 more for a total of 107 to qualify for a Unit of Distinction.

Janet reminded the membership of the Book Club, which will be meeting on January 26th at the Daily Grind. She also reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at the Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw on February 8, 2024. Ida Dixon will be speaking on the Day Lillies Club. The January meeting will be the Executive Board Meeting on January 10, 2024 at 10:00 at the New Beginnings Methodist Church.

The membership then participated in the Trivia segment and enjoyed treats and snacks during a Holiday Reception.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.