

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS

February 14, 2019

President Patty Wheeler called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM. She introduced the Head Table – Ike Reighard, MUST President and CEO and Lisa Bartlett and Mark Wolfe from Smith-Gilbert Gardens. Ike did the Inspiration and the Prayer before lunch. Patty thanked Liz Bouis and Ida Dixon, Program Chairs. After the Pledge Joe Boland did Joe’s Brag Jar.

After lunch, Ida Dixon introduced Lisa who did a power point presentation with Mark on the many improvements and programs of Smith-Gilbert Gardens. She recognized several retired educators who are Master Gardeners and volunteer at the gardens regularly.

During the Business Meeting the January Minutes were approved. Beverly Shumake gave the Treasurer’s Report –

General Fund	\$2,821.79
Money Market	\$21,934.39
Wright Fund	\$28,307.94
McClure Fund	\$161,379.38

Debby Overstreet announced we do have 10 Spotlight Ads. Debby can secure magnetic name tags for \$11. Judy Munson reiterated the need for “new blood” in the Executive Board. She reminded us that GREA dues are \$24 if they are automatically deducted from retirement checks but \$27 for all others. \$283 was collected today for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, the GREA Community Service Project for the year. We have collected a total of \$673.

Kitty Smith stated the Nomination Committee’s Slate of Officers for 2019-2020. They are President Sue Hawkins, President Elect Ida Dixon, Secretary Linda McPherson and Treasurer Beverly Shumake. Several officers and committee chairs are anxious to co-share those positions – Spotlight Ads, Membership, Scrapbook and Treasurer.

Lester Dean reported on the Senate and House Bills making legislative news. These won’t directly affect retired educators and are currently under “study” only. We will be upstairs for our March and April meetings, which is a savings for us. The April Meeting will feature educator/authors. Hollydale Backpacks will be the Community Service Project. There is some consideration to use the upstairs meeting space more often. Those opposing this idea should make their views known. The GEA Spelling Bee is on February 23rd from 9:00 – Noon. Volunteers are needed. Please continue to utilize our Book Sales. There was a thank you note from the Homeless coordinator. Friends of Ralph Williams recently bought a Memorial Brick. The Marietta Daily Journey included two of our articles. Please continue to decorate MUST lunch bags. Remember to fill out Hours for Others forms.

President Elect Sue Hawkins answered the Trivia Contest and distributed prizes. Door Prizes were presented. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.