

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS MEETING

February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 11:10 am.

WELCOME-

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sue Hawkins. Ann Rich delivered the Inspiration, a story about a woman who survived the war. Janet Robison recognized the seven members with January and February birthdays. Janet Robison passed around Joe's Brag Jar, as Joe Boland and Ida Dixon are both recovering from the flu. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Janet Robison introduced our speaker, Neely Young. Mr. Young was actively involved in journalism, until he had brain surgery. As part of his recovery, he wrote short stories about famous people from Georgia. He combined the stories into a book entitled, "*Georgia Made.*" He shared stories about several individuals included in his book. They were: Ted Turner, Martha Berry, Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King, Jr., Eugene Talmadge, Margaret Mitchell, Louise Suggs, and Alice McClellan Birney.

BUSINESS MEETING –

Meeting Minutes - Janet requested an approval of the December 2023 Minutes. The membership approved the minutes. There was no correspondence.

Finance Report –Liz Bouis presented the Finance Report. The only changes to the General Account included a refund for the rental of the meeting room at the Community Center and a payment for Constant Contact. Janet Robison approved the Finance Report.

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

General Account Balance: \$2683.28

Money Market Account (P. Whitfield Scholarship): \$14,554.09.

Ruby Sewell Wright Money Market Fund: \$9,022.73.

Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure Scholarship Fund: \$146,138.44.

Savings Account: \$10,244.21.

NEW BUSINESS – Judy Munson shared that our local unit is doing well. Our unit has had 60 new GREA members. We need 107 by April 1 to qualify for a Unit of Distinction.

Judy Munson shared that we now have a new vendor for name tags. Name tag orders will be available at next month's meeting. In addition, the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year were presented. They include: Rusty Hill, President; Janet Robison, President-Elect; Christine Wise, Secretary; and Liz Bouis, Treasurer. She also reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at the Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw on March 14, 2024. Liz Bouis shared that C-MREA members donated \$650 to the Hollydale UMC's Backpack Ministry.

The membership then participated in the Trivia segment and enjoyed lunch.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.