

Cobb-Marietta Retired Educators

January 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Patty Wheeler at 11:33 AM. She introduced the Head Table – Brad Jones from AMBA, our own Lester Dean with the Lions Club and Kitty Smith, Program Chair. Kitty did the Inspiration. Five visitors and the January birthdays were recognized and invited to have lunch first. Brad discussed the many benefits available to GREA members. He answered questions from those present.

After lunch Joe Boland did his Brag Jar. Lester Dean spoke about the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind (and visually impaired) in Waycross. Camps are one week long and include fishing, canoeing, climbing wall, swimming, horseback riding and beeper ball in addition to other activities. We donated \$455 to that project.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the December Minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit and included –

General Fund	\$2,819.36
Money Market	\$21,707.45
Wright Fund	\$28,288.71
McClure Fund	\$161,256.11

Membership Chair Judy Munson stated that we have 400 local members but there are over 5,000 retirees in Cobb. She encouraged us to increase our membership. Lester mentioned that there were some concerns about teachers' benefits coming up in the Georgia Legislature. Patty reported that the GREA Brick holiday rates continue. Debby Overstreet reminded us that we need 7 more Spotlight Ads (we have three). Deana Hansard pleaded for more decorated MUST lunch bags. We are below last year's total of almost 5,000.

President-Elect Sue Hawkins distributed Trivia Contest prizes after going over the answers. Door Prizes were also dispersed. Patty announced that Lisa Bartlett from Smith-Gilbert Gardens would be our guest speaker at the February 14th Meeting. We will again be collecting money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – as well as new and slightly used towels and blankets for Cobb County Animal Shelter.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.