

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

March 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Waters at 11:01 am. Chuck Hawkins led us in the Pledge, and Diane Hart provided the Inspiration.

**President report:** This group has generously given almost \$5,000 this year and today another \$290 for Hollydale. We also provided a great many school supplies to Sawyer and Oakdale elementaries that were much needed and greatly appreciated. C-MREA has “made a difference” this year!

Donations for Sweetwater can still be made via this website: <https://www.sweetwatermission.org/>

Announcements:

1. Sue Hawkins presented “Things to do in Cobb”
2. Birthdays were recognized and celebrated.
3. Joe’s Brag Jar saw a lot of action!
4. Dollars for Scholars was collected for this month’s charity
5. Ida Dixon provided bags for decorating.
6. Reminder of Annual Convention May 2-4 in Augusta where Joe Boland will become president of GREA.
7. Donations made in honor of Betty Dean: CMREA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2112, Marietta, GA 30061.

The financial report was presented by Liz Bouis. The budget/minutes for February were approved. A reminder that the board approved moving \$10, 020.77 of lifetime dues collected from the Money Market Acct to the savings account. Also the cost of constant contact was lowered from \$42 a month to \$14.

General	\$5239.77
Money Market	\$13,045.19
Ruby Wright Fund	\$20,820.69
McClure Fund	\$149,534.23
Savings Acct	\$10, 020. 77

Speaker:

Lisa Bartlett Skaggs manager of the Smith-Gilbert Botanical Gardens in Kennesaw @ 2280 Pine Mountain Rd. Lisa provided a history of the location and pertinent information regarding their needs. Please volunteer to dig in the dirt for a bit at the gardens or give tours. The butterfly garden opens July 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month they host an expert on Bonsai trees. He is there from 9-4pm.

Upcoming officers: To be voted in on April 13<sup>th</sup>, next meeting

President: Jan Robison President Elect (vacant) Secretary: Christina Wise Bookkeeper: Liz Bouis

**Next C-MREA meeting for all is April 13<sup>th</sup>**; please look for the invitation and AGAIN...indicate if you would like a lunch.

12:50 pm the meeting was adjourned by president, Carolyn Waters.