

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

October 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Waters at 11:15am. Carolyn Wilson led us in the Pledge, and Joe Boland provided the Inspiration.

President Carolyn Waters introduced our speaker, Rev. Tracy Carter. This is a change from our expected speaker, officer Michael Justice. He experienced an attack while on duty that prevented his appearance. Reverend Carter is from the Sweetwater Mission. He talked about the many ways in which the center supports members of the community including working with middle school children and guiding their productivity through the Dave Ramsey program. He provided a link for those who feel compelled to support the building of a larger center. Donations can be made via this website: <https://www.sweetwatermission.org/> LeAnn Sturtz presented on behalf of AMBA. She raffled off Starbucks gift cards.

September 2022 minutes were approved. The financial report was presented by Liz Buis. She also announced our community service collection for the Sweetwater Center given to Reverend Carter October 13, 2022: \$661 Thanks to all for your generosity.

General	\$5273.17
Money Market	\$23,883.87
Ruby Wright Fund	\$22, 774.55
McClure Fund	\$152, 883.31

Everyone was encouraged to take paper lunch bags to decorate for MUST ministries. Please return to Ida Dixon to. Decorate one side only

Membership: Judy Munson announced we still need 52 new members to meet our goal this year. Please bring a 'newly minted' retired teacher to our next meeting. Also, family members can join as, "Friends of GREA" which allows them to purchase insurance. They must be 26 and older. **Dues are due now.**

November 6th is "Retired Teachers" day, please celebrate by volunteering to be a guest reader in a local school. A sign-up sheet was provided for members to indicate which schools they would be visiting and providing a treat for teachers.

President, Carolyn Waters, recognized October birthdays. She also shared that spotlight ads support room rental which doubled in cost this year. A second room is also required for November for our annual Auction (\$150/mo/rm). Please remember to bring money to purchase auction tickets which starts at 10am, November 10th!

Books in the hallway for sale, proceeds to benefit Dollars for Scholars.

Book Club news: The next meeting is Friday, November 18th @11:00 A.M. The book *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan will be the topic of discussion. We meet at the Daily Grind Coffee House near Due West Elementary School. Call Carolyn Wilson if you have any questions.

Trivia answers were revealed by Carolyn Waters. Ida Dixon provided hand-made knitted pumpkins for prizes. Thank you, Ida!

REMINDER: when viewing your RSVP, please order lunch if you are planning to eat with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.