

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS MEETING

October 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 11:13 am.

WELCOME-

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ida Dixon. Beverly Shumake delivered the Inspiration. Janet Robison recognized those members with October birthdays. There were no new members, but Janet welcomed the speakers and reminded the membership that our designated charity for this year is Totes To Tots. Susan Crooks passed around Joe's Brag Jar.

Janet Robison introduced Frank Hutcheson, Area 15 Director, who updated the membership on happenings in the Area. He shared that the Brick area at the Museum is all filled up. The Museum has a Wall of Honor for plaques at \$50.00 instead of the bricks. He also shared that if an individual who itemizes his/her taxes, he/she can deduct donations to Totes To Totes. The form is on the State office website. In addition, Frank shared that C-MREA unit was obligated for \$525.00, but our unit has collected \$600.00 thus far. Frank also reported that our unit has recruited 39 new members as of the date of this meeting. He then opened the presentation to questions.

Our second presentation was from LeeAnn Sturtz, our AMBA representative. Debby Overstreet shared that members should meet with LeeAnn to review coverages to ensure that there is no duplication. LeeAnn shared that AMBA offers Life Insurance policies up to \$50,000; Home Health Care through Kemper (changed from Met Life) with \$1500/month up to age 89; and MASA, which now includes grandchildren 14 years old and younger. LeeAnn also shared that MASA also covers travel outside of the continental U.S., but reminded everyone that MASA needs to know as early as possible before such travel. She also reminded the membership that they are eligible to use Mobile Passport Savings, an \$80.00 app that is free with GREA membership. The Access code is AMBASAVERS or one can use the Passport Mobile on a phone. She described how to access the app. LeeAnn also gave everyone a homework assignment to text her about discounts or to make a referral to be a GREA member.

BUSINESS MEETING –

Meeting Minutes - Janet requested an approval of the September 2023 Minutes. Judy Munson made the motion, which was seconded by Lester Dean, that the minutes be approved. The membership agreed. Judy Munson shared that she had received some correspondence from Dorothy Houston, who has moved to a new location on Tower Road.

Finance Report –Liz Bouis, Treasurer, presented the Finance Report. She stated the everything was good and balances are beginning to get bigger. Janet Robison approved the Finance Report.

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

General Account Balance: \$3731.18.

Money Market Account (P. Whitfield Scholarship): \$15,978.15.

Ruby Sewell Wright Money Market Fund: \$20,944.48.

Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure Scholarship Fund: \$151,163.51.

Savings Account: \$10,235.56.

NEW BUSINESS – Judy Munson shared that our local unit is doing well. She will be sending out letters to 2022-2023 retirees soon. At the State level, our unit needs 102 new members to qualify for Unit of Distinction. We have 39 new members, but we have until April 1 to qualify. Dues are \$30 per year and are due by the October meeting so that the information can get into the Directory that comes out in November. She reminded those members who wanted a printed directory to fill out the salmon-colored form and remit \$5.00.

Ida Dixon is looking for someone to take on the lunch bag project. She will be checking with MUST to determine if there is still a need for bags. She will report back at the November meeting.

Janet reminded the membership of the Book Club, which will be meeting on November 17th at the Daily Grind. She also reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at New Beginnings UMC, 2975 Cobb Parkway NW, Kennesaw on November 9th. Our speaker will be Dawn Reed from Aloha to Aging. There will be lunch. Judy Munson still needs help with lunches in the future. Any help would be appreciated.

The membership then participated in the Trivia segment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.