COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Waters at 11:13am. Carolyn Wilson led us in the Pledge, and Debra Paul provided the Inspiration.

President Carolyn Waters introduced our Credit Union of Georgia representatives, Chandler Ardis and Kathy Winiarcyzk. They shared some new products and discussed interest rates with the group. Chandler also shared information on a new fraud alert. Our October meeting will focus more on this matter.

Janet Robison introduced our speaker, Michael Kobito, Georgia's Teacher of the Year. He teaches music at Woodland High School in Bartow County. He shared his ideas on how to make teaching 'magical' for both teachers and students.

August 2022 minutes were approved. The financial report was presented by Liz Bouis. She also announced our community service collection for March of Dimes for September 8, 2022: \$462. Thanks to all for your generosity.

 General
 \$4190.32

 Money Market
 \$22, 980

 Ruby Wright Fund
 \$22, 768.93

 McClure Fund
 \$152, 826.78

Liz Bouis also spoke about spotlight ads (still collecting for those) and items are needed by October for silent auction. In October we'll be decorating bags for MUST ministries.

Susan Crooks announced Scholarship applications are due October 30th. Please encourage 'soon to be educators' to apply.

Ida Dixon updated us on the delivery of school supplies to Fair Oaks ES (Cobb Co.) and Sawyer Road ES (Marietta City). Thank you to all who gave so generously to our September community service project. Ida shared that both schools were very grateful.

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.

November 6th is "Retired Teachers" day, please celebrate by volunteering to be a guest reader in a local school. Sawyer and Vaugn elementaries will gladly welcome readers.

President, Carolyn Waters, recognized September birthdays.

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

Book Club news: The next meeting is September 23, at 11:00 AM at The Daily Grind in Kennesaw. Gerry Savery will lead our discussion of *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Dues are due now.

Trivia answers were revealed by Carolyn Waters, and she also provided prizes. Thank you, Carolyn!

Refreshments were provided by C-MREA members. REMINDER: when viewing your RSVP, please order lunch if you are planning to eat with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.