

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED EDUCATORS MEETING

September 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Robison at 11:12 am.

WELCOME-

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rusty Hill, President-Elect. Carolyn Waters delivered the Inspiration. Janet Robison recognized those members with September birthdays.

Susan Crooks addressed the membership regarding scholarships. She informed the membership that there would be five scholarships awarded this year. Additionally, she requested that the scholarship application, which is online, be provided to those who individuals who are interested in applying. The deadline is October 31. She also shared that she is looking for two members who would like to serve on the committee, which coordinates all the applications online.

It was announced that Ida Dixon was selling crocheted pumpkins, with money being donated to Totes For Tots. Joe Boland, current GREA President, passed around "Joes" Brag Jar. Monies collected will be given to the Scholarship Fund.

Janet Robison introduced Tom Robison, her youngest son and a Dekalb County Fireman, who presented the program. He talked about his training and his experiences as part of a Technical Rescue Team member.

BUSINESS MEETING –

Meeting Minutes - Janet requested an approval of the August 2023 Minutes. Debbie Overstreet made the motion, which was seconded by Diane Hart, that the minutes be approved. The membership agreed.

Finance Report –Liz Bouis, Treasurer, presented the budget from the last meeting for approval. Susanne Hawkins made the motion, which was seconded by Carolyn Waters, to approve the budget. The 2023-2024 Budget was approved by the membership. The one item on the financial report of \$50.00 was found during the audit and was for payment of the room used during last year's auction. The following is from the Financial Report as of 31 August 2023.

General Account Balance: \$3366.14.
Money Market Account (P. Whitfield Scholarship): \$15,794.96.
Ruby Sewell Wright Money Market Fund: \$20,923.15.
Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure Scholarship Fund: \$150,917.90.
Savings Account: \$10,233.45.

There was a plea to buy Spotlight Ads, which are for \$35.00. Monies collected from these ads go into the General Account. Money for the ads is due by the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Rusty Hill summarized the Area 15 and 16 meeting in Rock Springs Georgia on Aug 30th (Wednesday). CMREA had the largest contingent at the meeting. There was a report from TRS, GREA, and Joe Boland provided the President's Report.

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 35 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.

Ann Rich was recognized at our Member Emeritus. She retired in 1997, was the CMREA President from 2005-2006, and started the Dollars for Scholars program. A certificate was presented to her.

Janet reminded the membership of the Book Club, which will be meeting on September 29th at the Daily Grind. She also reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at New Beginnings UMC, 2975 Cobb Parkway NW, Kennesaw. There will be no lunch. However, if there is anyone who would like to help Judy Munson with lunches in the future, she would appreciate the help. The speaker for November will be Aloha for Seniors.

The membership then ate lunch and participated in the Trivia segment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.