

Cobb-Marietta Retired Educators

October 11, 2018

At 11:30 AM President Patty Wheeler called the meeting to order. She requested that everyone RSVP by the Sunday evening before the meetings. She welcomed everyone and extended the hope that they were not too affected by the recent bad weather. She introduced the Head Table – GREA President Mickey Wendel and his wife Marsha, Ben Rawlins and his wife, Lester Dean and Charlotte Carroll. Charlotte did the Inspiration after the Pledge. Patty thanked Charlotte for her original inspiration which described her favorite teacher and for her help with today’s program.

Joe Boland circulated his Brag Jar and explained again that Scholarship donations can be made in memory of deceased education supporters. In September we collected \$68. At this meeting \$247 was donated. Patty recognized new members. Susan Crooks reminded us that the Scholarship applications are due at the end of the month. Patty mentioned that Spotlight Ads are \$50 and we need 10. The GREA Museum Bricks are \$100. The Spotlight Ads and Bricks can be in memory of or to honor others. We must buy 2 Bricks. Our November meeting is earlier than usual – November 1st. This will be the Auction which has been simplified. October Birthdays were recognized and those people were invited to get their lunches first – along with the head table and new members.

After lunch, Lester Dean introduced Mickey whose Community Project is Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (we collected \$411) and Jump Rope for Heart (now known as Kids Heart Challenge). He had T-shirts and lapel pins for sale. He explained why the Community Service Project was changed to Volunteering. He also explained why Ben Rawlins was his mentor, his Lighthouse.

During the Business Meeting, the September Minutes were approved. Treasurer Beverly Shumake gave her report –

General Fund	\$3,395.99
Money Market	\$22,168.96
Wright Fund	\$30,237.37
McClure Fund	\$164,911.40

During Announcements, Lester Dean reminded us that we would soon receive ballots for the Area 15 Director. It is a two-year position and Liz Bouis is on the ballot. Judy Munson encouraged membership in both GREA and C-MREA. Patty recognized a thank you note from Bells Ferry Elementary for the school supplies donated there.

Retired Educators Day is November 4th. We are to “treat” our favorite school with baskets of fruit/candy. The 10 Women of Hope have a Fund Raiser on Thursday, October 18th. We will not sell books or have door prizes in November. Brian Boham suggested again that we encourage educators to take advantage of the Teacher Supply Store which is at 440 Glover Street and will be open on November 3rd. Patty asked for a volunteer to chair the Bylaws. Debby Overstreet agreed to do it if someone else doesn’t step forward. Please continue to decorate MUST lunch bags. Our goal is 5,000. Sue Hawkins went over the Trivia Contest and distributed prizes. Door prizes were also given. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.