

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2023**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association Board of Directors was called to order by JCRTA President Susan Thurman at 10:04 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance and introduced Cindy Goldstein who is replacing Jill Ginsburg as KRTA/AARP Grandparent Essay chairperson. 1st Vice President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Ken Draut, Myra Fugate, Cindy Goldstein, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn K. Hazard, Sahara Myers, Tara Parker, Lue Peabody, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren, Melanie Wood.

Board Members Absent: Debbie Dunn, Martha O'Bryan, Donna Wiseman.

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Puckett provided copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on January 17, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Ken Draut and seconded by Mary Perry. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Mary Perry provided copies of the treasurer's report reflecting activity for the first quarter of 2023. It was noted that right now Mary is the only one who can sign checks. A co-signer is needed on the account. The bank will need a copy of the minutes from a meeting where the co-signers on the account are approved by the board of directors. A motion was made by Ann Hafling and seconded by Tara Parker to approve current treasurer Mary Perry and current president Susan Thurman as co-signers, and that either one can sign a check. The motion carried. An additional motion was made by Ann Hafling and seconded by Tara Parker to allow Mary Perry and Susan Thurman to also be the postal contact persons for the organization.

1st Vice-President: Sahara Myers thanked all those who filled in for her in her absence at the March general meeting. She shared correspondence from Blessings in a Backpack thanking JCRTA for the donation of \$1561.00. All donations make a difference and will be used by the Louisville chapter. Hank Hensley, a financial professional, has been invited to speak to the membership at the general meeting in May. He will speak about directives and provide other pertinent financial information.

2nd Vice-President: Pam Gooch provided a chart showing attendance for JCRTA general meetings in 2022 and the first meeting in 2023. There was a brief discussion about having breakfast vs. lunch in order to keep costs down. It was decided to keep having lunches for now. Pam stated that May 9 will be the deadline for reservations for the May meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: It was reported for Debbie Dunn that newsletter articles will be due by Thursday, April 6. She would welcome feature articles by educators. She would choose from those submitted and include them in the newsletter.

KRTA Representative: Tara Parker reported that the Executive Council has not met since December 2022.

Committee and Chairperson Reports

Nominating/Elections: Melanie Wood presented the slate of officers to be elected at the general meeting in May: President, Susan Thurman; 1st Vice-President, Glenna Hess; Treasurer, Mary Perry. She also presented a revised list of JCRTA Committee Responsibilities. The list was reviewed, and corrections and additions were noted. There was a motion by Tara Parker and a second by Lue Peabody to accept the list as amended. The motion carried.

Audit and Budget: Ann Hafling presented and reviewed a chart summarizing costs of general meetings at Wildwood Country Club during 2022 and including the first meeting of 2023. The amount members are being charged per meeting is not keeping up with the rising costs of the providers. Ann Hafling made a motion to raise the price of lunches from \$20 to \$25 as of August 2023. Sheila Carson-Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Other items of discussion included a reminder of the number of guests that winners/honorees may invite who can receive a free lunch. They may invite a maximum of three. Additional guest attendees would have to pay. It was suggested that first time new retirees could be charged a reduced amount for their meals but no action was taken.

Community Liaison: No Report.

Insurance: No Report.

KRTA Membership: Sheila Carson-Smith wants to encourage and sponsor more activities for KRTA members.

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard reported that there were 1600 members in October 2022. After adjusting numbers there are 1420 members to date. Beginning with the 2022-23 year all overpayments are donations. Two new volunteers signed up at the March general meeting. May is designated

membership month. There will be a table at the May meeting where members may renew memberships or those who are new may join.

Legislative: Beth Dowdell provided a list of bills to review and track, explaining how they would affect retired teachers. She noted that we have been fortunate that bills which would directly affect our membership have not had much movement in this legislative session which ends March 30. Beth encourages continued support of current teachers and any issues that affect them.

Necrology/Remembrance: Vacant.

Technology: Ken Draut reported that JCRTA membership dues may be paid by credit card. He noted that email costs are to increase, so he will join for one month at a time and be selective in order to keep costs down.

Trips and Tours: It was reported for Martha O'Bryan that the Chicago trip has been cancelled. The Cape Cod trip, June 11-17, is nearly full. There are still spaces available for the Western U.S. National Parks trip which will be September 5-19.

Scholarship: Myra Fugate reported that emails are sent to schools to make them aware of the availability of scholarships for those who want to be teachers. She requested that if anyone has personal contact with an eligible student, tell them to go directly to the school counselor for information about applying.

KRTA/AARP Essay Contest: No report.

Old Business:

JCRTA membership dues were discussed. Marilyn Hazard made a motion to increase the dues from \$10 to \$15 annually, effective May 2023. Ann Hafling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

The KRTA Convention will be April 17-18 at Holiday Inn Hurstbourne. The Delegate Assembly will be on Tuesday, April 18 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Delegates are: Beth Dowdell, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn Hazard, Sahara Myers, Martha O'Bryan, Tara Parker, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett and Dale Warren. Susan Thurman will be the alternate. Mary Perry will take care of the JCRTA door prize.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Perry and seconded by Ann Hafling. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

