

**Knox County Retired Teachers Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017**

The Knox County Retired Teachers Association was called to order at 11:06 a.m. at the Foundry with President Jeanette Casteel presiding. An opening message and prayer and Pledge to the Flag were led by Don Loy.

President Jeanette Casteel welcomed members and guests to the meeting, the annual Scholarship Foundation Awards Luncheon. Mrs. Casteel recognized honored guests in attendance—Knox County's state legislators Senator Bill Dunn and Representatives Rick Staples, Eddie Smith, and Jason Zachary, Knox County School Board Chair Patti Bounds, Gerald Willard, President-Elect of TRTA, Tonya Coates, President of KCEA, Jason White, TEA Uniserve Representative, and Donnas Waller, representing the luncheon's sponsor, Horace Mann Insurance, and Vicki Andrews, who prepared the table decorations for the luncheon. Mrs. Casteel also welcomed the leadership of the Scholarship Foundation, members of the Selection Committee, Co-Chairs Mary Lou Kanipe and Libby Burney, who was not able to attend, and the Presenter, Janet Oakes, Shirley Underwood, Gussie Cherry, Connie Silvey, Vicki Andrews, and Chris Vandergriff, and the honored award winners and their guests.

First-time retired attendees Sherri Thomson and Cindi Schowalter were recognized.

David Huntsinger's treasurer's report was filed for audit with a balance of \$45,230.77

Following the luncheon, President Casteel introduced David Huntsinger, Scholarship Foundation Chair, who summarized the history of the KCRTA scholarship program for senior and graduate students specializing in education from colleges and universities in eastern Tennessee, noting that all funds come from donations from members and other interested parties and are spent only on the actual scholarships awarded.

Scholarship winners were Robin D. Byard, presented the Christine Williams Scholarship by Janet Oakes; Kendra Edgell, winning the Rueben and Pat Hunter Scholarship presented by Shirley Underwood. The Tom Underwood Scholarship was presented to Sarah G. Jones by Gussie Cherry; and The Colleen Bennett Scholarship was presented to Byjan Kajaal by Connie Silvey. The Carrie Moudy Huber Scholarship went to Hannah Reddick, presented by Vicki Andrews, and the Knox County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship was presented to David Woods by Chris Vandergriff.

President Casteel congratulated the Scholarship Award winners for their achievements. She also reminded all guests that donation baskets for the Scholarship Fund were available for donations at this and at every meeting. She also recognized the members of the Foundry wait staff for their service and adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with a quotation from Albert Schweitzer and wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving to members and guests.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Childress
Recording Secretary