

**Minutes of the  
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 28, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Dale Warren called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Past President Rick Tatum led the prayer and noted the recent passing of Recording Secretary Marianna Humphries. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Board Members Present:** Ruth Boone, Ken Draut, Ann Hafling, Sahara Myers, Lue Peabody, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Marilyn Hazard, Linda Ratti, Rick Tatum, Donna Seaford, Dale Warren, Melanie Wood, Laura Marquess, Susan Thurman

**Board Members Absent:** Doris Carter, Maritza Cassidy, Betsy Holton, Tara Parker, Eunice Payne, Sheila Carson-Smith, Martha O'Bryan

**Recording Secretary:** Due to the unexpected passing of Recording Secretary **Marianne Humphries**, no minutes of the December 2019 General meeting were available. Ken Draut offered to consult his notes and recreate the minutes for a later distribution.

**Treasurer: Mary Perry** – Copies of the Financial Report were distributed. Mary noted that December was an active month while January has been much slower in terms of financial transactions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report: Sahara Myers** – Sahara shared that a total of 252 food items were collected at the December 4th General Meeting and again on December 16. Sahara purchased some additional food items that are especially popular with high school students. All food items were donated to the Seneca Food Pantry at Seneca High School. Dale Warren, Sahara Myers and JCRTA member Mary Thurman delivered the food on December 18, 2019. Entertainment for the upcoming March 10, 2020 General Meeting will include a tie-in to the remembrance program.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report: Marilyn Puckett** - Marilyn reported on the attendance of the December 4, 2019 General Meeting. 82 people turned in paid reservations, which included 11 no-shows. There were 15 new retiree registrations with 4 no-shows. There was 1 new retiree walk-in. A total of 90 people attended for lunch with several others attending the meeting only. Reservations for the upcoming March 10, 2020 General Meeting are due March 3.

**Corresponding Secretary Report: Linda Ratti** – Linda reported that the previous newsletter printing cost was slightly more than usual (\$2450) due to the inclusion of the volunteer service hour forms. Ken Draut recommended that future newsletters feature a text box on the front page that includes a bulleted list of pertinent information (date, registration deadline, price, guest speaker, service project, etc.) about the upcoming general meeting. It was noted that copies of JCRTA newsletters should be filed in the KRTA archives. Linda will check to ensure that all issues have been archived. Articles for the upcoming JCRTA Newsletter are due, if possible, on February 1, 2020 with a final deadline of February 4.

**KRTA Representative Report: Melanie Wood** – Melanie shared information from the December 2019 KRTA meeting, including the legislative goals for 2020 and updated health care information. Melanie noted that we are fortunate to have Jane Gilbert as our health care consultant as she is widely recognized for her expertise at the national level. Melanie also reported that plans for the proposed shopping mall near the KRTA building are at a standstill as several of the larger anchor stores have pulled out of the project.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:**

**KRTA/AARP: Donna Seaford** – No activity or report at this time of year.

**Community Liaison: Ken Draut** – Ken shared the results of the community volunteer hours that were submitted by JCRTA members for 2019. A total of 129 members submitted 27, 869 volunteer hours for the past year. Although still a small percentage of our membership, this was a higher number reporting than in the past. 90 members recorded their hours through Survey Monkey. Ken reminded us that the mayor's week of service will be in April.

**Technology: Ken Draut:** Ken reminded the board that the website is ideal for posting information such as travel, newsletters, legislative updates, and archives. A free email blast is available once a month, if needed.

**Audit/Budget: Ann Hafling:** Ann reminded board members to keep within the budget guidelines and to let her know in advance when additional funds are needed.

**KRTA Membership: Sheila Carson** - No report.

**Legislative: Susan Thurman** – Susan reported that Governor Beshear's budget will be released at 7 p.m. on January 28 (tonight). What is included in the budget will largely determine the actions of KRTA and the legislative committee during the spring legislative session.

**Insurance: Lue Peabody** – Lue noted changes in emergency/urgent health care costs for MEHP (Medicare Eligible Health Plan) members covered by United Healthcare. The co-pay for Emergency Room visits has *increased* from \$50 to \$120. The co-pay for Urgent Care visits has *decreased* from \$35 to \$25.

**JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard/Doris Carter** – Marilyn distributed a handout that included the JCRTA Membership Report and the Membership Volunteer Report. Total membership stands at 1824 members. Names and contact information for new volunteers were shared. Rick Tatum and Melanie Wood will contact recent volunteers who may be interested in helping with various projects or board positions. It was noted that a person on the committee is needed to serve as a volunteer coordinator. Eunice Payne has said she is willing to help as needed. Lue Peabody suggested to mention volunteer recruitment as a part of the "President's Message" in the next newsletter.

**Necrology: Betsy Holton** - Due to serious illness, Betsy is unable to continue in this position. Donna Seaford volunteered to take Betsy's place. The remembrance program is scheduled for the March 10 General Meeting. Several board members shared details about past programs. Marilyn Hazard suggested that the remembrance program include a brief tribute to Marianne Humphries.

**Remembrance: Laura Marquess** – Laura reported that more than 200 retired JCPS teachers have passed away during the past year.

**Nominating: Tara Parker** – Melanie Wood reported that Tara has resigned from this position.

**Trips and Tours: Ruth Boone/ Martha O'Bryan** – Ruth reported on future trips set for 2020. A trip to Charleston, South Carolina is scheduled for May 17-22 and a trip to Vermont is scheduled for September 20-26. A day trip to the Kentucky Horse Park is set for June 2.

**Scholarship: Maritza Cassidy** – No report.

**Old Business** – As in the past, Mary Perry provided staff appreciation gifts for Christmas for four KRTA staff members. The gifts included a fruit basket and gift cards. It was noted that gift cards from Visa cost an additional activation fee. Therefore, future gift cards will be purchased from local businesses and restaurants that do not have activation fees.

**New Business** – Dale Warren and Melanie Wood reminded board members about the upcoming KRTA convention scheduled for April 20-21 at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne. The cost for staying at the hotel is \$109 per night. Melanie Wood, Linda Ratti and Mary Perry will put together a \$50 basket from JCRTA as a convention door prize. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who want to be convention delegates.

A discussion was held about the numerous vacant and expiring positions on the JCRTA board. These vacancies include both elected and appointed positions. Some of the positions to be filled include: 2nd Vice President (term expiring), Recording Secretary (vacant), Corresponding Secretary (term expiring), Community Liaison (vacant), and Nominating (vacant). Dale Warren, Rick Tatum and Melanie Wood will coordinate efforts to fill these positions.

A motion was made by Rick Tatum to adjourn the meeting, followed by President Dale Warren adjourning the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan Thurman in memory of Marianne Humphries