

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 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 10:05 a.m. All in attendance were welcomed. 1st Vice President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Ken Draut, Debbie Dunn, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Sahara Myers, Tara Parker, Lue Peabody, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren, Melanie Wood.

Board Members Absent: Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Myra Fugate, Marilyn Hazard, Martha O'Bryan, Donna Wiseman.

Recording Secretary: Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on October 11, 2022, were provided by Marilyn Puckett. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Ken Draut and seconded by Lue Peabody. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Mary Perry provided copies of the treasurer's report. She clarified some issues she is having with postal mailings regarding the use of a password. It was noted that general meeting lunches are costing more. An increased number of new retirees are attending which means more complimentary lunches. A suggestion was made to explore a breakfast option instead of lunch. Pros and cons were discussed. Ken Draut mentioned looking into increased rates in CDs and possibly transferring some funds. Mary will research and report at a future board meeting. It was noted that two people need to be on the account to sign checks. That will be the treasurer and the president. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Melanie Wood and seconded by Ken Draut. The motion passed and the report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President: Sahara Myers thanked Mary Perry for her help with collecting donations for Blessings in a Backpack food items. With school supply donations, Atkinson Elementary asked for something every child could have. A tee shirt was ordered for each child with their school's name on it. The shirts were received the day before Christmas break. Sahara announced that Dr. Rita Greer will present a panel discussion of her book at the general meeting in March. She also noted that the trivia game at the December General Meeting was a "hit".

2nd Vice-President: Pam Gooch reported that there were 92 registered and paid for the December general meeting plus 2 walk-ins. There were 20 new retirees who responded plus 3 new retiree walk-ins. There were 2 guests. There was a total of 12 no-shows (including 4 new retirees). The final count to Wildwood was 107.

Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Dunn announced that newsletter articles are due by Friday, January 27.

KRTA Representative: Tara Parker reported that the KRTA Executive Council met on December 5, 2022.

- The 2021-2022 Financial Audit Report was reviewed. Due to the stock market, investments are down. Dues collected are barely covering expenses and will need to be looked at in the future.
- Debby Murrell, Membership Committee Chair reminded that the cutoff date for membership is January 16. No new retirees are added and no deceased are removed until after that date. To date, membership is 31,579. The original goal was 31,122.
- Margaret Sims, Health and Insurance Committee Chair noted that beginning January 1, 2023, KRTA members 65 and older will be paying full price for their prescriptions filled at Kroger. Express Scripts should have mailed out a list of three pharmacies in the area in which members could fill their prescriptions. Silver Sneakers will be changing to Renew Active, and members should be receiving a letter soon with their code number to use their gym starting January 1, 2023.
- Larry Woods, Legislative Committee Co-Chair, reported on legislative updates. It is important to find out who our new representatives are going to be due to several changes throughout the state due to the most recent election. Tim Abrams noted that money was set aside years ago to help lobby for GPO/WEP changes should they occur. Communication is key for our members in terms of this issue.
- Ceibert Gilbert, AARP specialist, reported that AARP said they were giving a million dollars to support the Eastern Kentucky flooding, but it has been held up due to other natural disasters nationwide.
- Tim Abrams shared tentative Fall Workshop dates. Most are finalized. There was some discussion on breakfast vs. lunch for the meal.
- 2023 KRTA Convention dates are April 17-18, 2023 at the Holiday Inn.

- Nominating Committee Appointments-Names were presented as the nominating committee for this year. Eastern District is to present a candidate for Vice President.
- Tim Abrams presented an updated Treasurer's report. There was a net gain of 200 ADD cards. There is concern for the N.O. Kimbler Scholarship fund, it is depleted. More locals need to give to this account.
- Tim Abrams reported that KRTA gave over \$92,000 to support our members as a result of tornadoes and flooding. Bourgard money was dispersed to victims by check. Names are kept confidential. The Kimbler and Bourgard accounts are kept separate.

Committee and Chairperson Reports

Audit and Budget: No report. It was suggested to discuss raising the cost of dues at the April Board of Directors meeting.

Community Liaison: Donna Wiseman sent a reminder that our website has a list, as well as a description of all the contact information needed to find opportunities to volunteer.

Insurance: Lue Peabody reported that a "Renew Active" letter has been sent to members. A code will be sent by mail or it can be found online. She encouraged members to see the JCRTA website for updated information.

KRTA Membership: No report.

JCRTA Membership: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Nominating: Melanie Wood reported on the slate of officers to be elected in the odd numbered years: President, Susan Thurman; 1st Vice-President(corrected), Glenna Hess; Treasurer, Mary Perry. The slate will be presented at the May general meeting for a vote.

Necrology/Remembrance: Vacant. A committee will plan the remembrance celebration for the general meeting in March.

Technology: Ken Draut reported that there are 800 visits per month on average to the website. Payment of membership by credit card is operational. He and Mary Perry are checking closely to see if it is working. There is a charge of \$10.55 for each transaction. Ken will send a thank you email to each person who joins online. Tech companies are charging for a set number of responses for surveys now. He will continue to put an insert in the newsletter instead of putting them online.

Trips and Tours: Martha O'Bryan sent a list of trips in 2023. They include: Chicago: May 1-5; Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard: June 11-17; Exploring America's National Parks-Western States: September 5-19. Go to JCRTA.org for more information and tour forms needed for each trip.

Scholarship: No report.

KRTA/AARP: Vacant.

Old Business:

New member forms are to be reviewed to be sure that they are appropriate, up to date and accurate.

New Business:

It was suggested to revive the AARP Driver's Safety classes which could result in a decrease in insurance rates depending on the insurance company. Dale Warren will research the costs and other information for next year.

Susan Thurman will send an email with information about the KRTA Convention.

Tim Abrams reported that so far, things were pretty quiet in Frankfort. There are many new faces in the legislature who need to be contacted.

A motion was made by Mary Perry and seconded by Ken Draut to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary