

**Minutes of the  
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 20, 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. She thanked all who participated in the previous General Meeting and welcomed Glenna Hess who will be assuming the duties of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Board Members Present:** Sheila Carson-Smith, Ken Draut, Debbie Dunn, Cindy Goldstein, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn Hazard, Glenna Hess, Sahara Myers, Lue Peabody, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren.

**Board Members Absent:** Beth Dowdell, Myra Fugate, Martha O'Bryan, Tara Parker, Donna Wiseman, Melanie Wood.

**Recording Secretary:** Marilyn Puckett provided copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on March 28, 2023. A motion was made by Mary Perry and seconded by Ann Hafling to approve the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Mary Perry provided copies of the treasurer's report. Mary noted that General Meeting expenses have increased. She would like to continue to give opportunities for extra donations. Ken Draut is working with the website people regarding paying memberships and donations online. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Audit and Budget:** Ann Hafling reviewed the proposed budget for 2023-24. There was an extra \$1000 for scholarship. There was a motion made by Lue Peabody and seconded by Debbie Dunn to give it to the only recipient who applied. The motion passed. Other recommendations included reconsidering free lunches for new retirees and exploring short term CDs. A motion to accept the budget for 2023-24 was made by Pam Gooch and seconded by Marilyn Hazard. The motion passed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Outgoing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Sahara Myers expressed appreciation for everyone's support during her term. President Susan Thurman thanked Sahara for all her hard work. Sahara will remain on the Board of Directors as chairperson of Necrology/Remembrance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Pam Gooch reported on General Meeting attendance and expenses. A motion was made and passed at the March 28 Board of Directors meeting to raise the price to \$25 per person. Under reconsideration, Pam has

explored meal options with Wildwood, including a lighter luncheon menu. The new menu options will begin in March 2024 and will be fully explained to the membership before that meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Ann Hafling and seconded by Mary Perry to amend the previous motion, move to the luncheon format and revert to \$20 per person in March 2024. The motion passed. There was also discussion regarding free lunches for new retirees. A motion was made by Sheila Carson-Smith and seconded by Mary Perry to suspend free lunches for new retirees effective in August 2023. Pam announced that August 15 is the deadline for reservations for the August 25 General Meeting/KRTA Workshop.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Debbie Dunn reported that newsletter articles will be due July 13.

**KRTA Representative:** Tara Parker provided a report of the Executive Council meeting which was held on June 5, 2023. Reports were given by the various committees.

- Current membership enrollment is 31,332. There are 11,900 non-members.
- Members are reminded to order their free Personal Emergency Response Systems.
- The legislative committee goes to Frankfort often to meet with new legislators to make sure they know about KRTA.
- The legislative committee will reach out to candidates for governor to ask how they feel about retired teacher pensions.
- Legislative concerns going forward include any bill that could negatively affect our members' prescription benefits.
- The committee is monitoring bills that would funnel money to private schools and fund charter schools.
- All districts are encouraged to participate in the AARP/Grandparent Essay contest.
- It was discussed and approved to increase N.O. Kimbler scholarship donations to \$40 for locals and \$50 for districts.

### **Committee and Chairperson Reports**

**Nominating/Elections:** No report.

**Community Liaison:** No report.

**Insurance:** No report.

**KRTA Membership:** Sheila Carson-Smith reported that during the KRTA Convention on April 17-18, our district received the "*Golden District Achievement*

*Recognition*” and our local JCRTA received the “*Yes We Did*” Golden Award. Sheila also reported that members of KRTA and JCRTA attended a cultural “Field Trip” at Roots 101 Museum. All attendees enjoyed the event.

**JCRTA Membership:** Marilyn Hazard reported that there are 851 members to date. She reminded members that overpayments are considered a donation. A list of members who wish to volunteer was provided. It was noted that a separate ad hoc committee is needed to work on what goes out regarding members. All retirees need to be reached, not just the ones who are renewing.

**Legislative:** No report.

**Necrology/Remembrance:** No report.

**Technology:** Ken Draut is looking for another email vendor. The credit card feature is working well. Members of the board need to check our section on the website and let him know of any changes.

**Trips and Tours:** Martha O’Bryan provided information for upcoming trips:

- September 2023-Trip to 11 U.S. National Parks
- June 2024-Trip to Canada; trip to Florida’s Atlantic coast

Martha reported that Knight’s Travel is the new travel company. She welcomes suggestions for the next international trip.

**Scholarship:** Myra Fugate reported that the 2023 scholarship recipient Jordan Baird of Jeffersontown High School will attend Western Kentucky University, majoring in elementary education.

**KRTA/AARP Essay Contest:** No report.

**Old Business:**

Issues regarding General Meeting luncheons are covered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President’s report.

**New Business:**

The KRTA Workshop/General Meeting will be held on Friday, August 23 in 2024. The next General Meeting of the JCRTA will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Wildwood. Community Liaison, Donna Wiseman is working on choosing one volunteer event per quarter. It will be limited to the number of people needed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila Carson-Smith and seconded by Mary Perry. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

