

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2022**

Call to Order: The virtual meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Susan Thurman at 10:05 a.m. Those in attendance were welcomed. She announced that Myra Fugate will be chairperson of the Scholarship committee and that Jill Ginsburg will oversee the KRTA/AARP Essay Contest. 1st Vice-President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Susan Thurman, Sahara Myers, Marilyn Puckett, Mary Perry, Pam Gooch, Debbie Dunn, Rick Tatum, Ann Hafling, Donna Wiseman, Lue Peabody, Marilyn Hazard, Melanie Wood, Ken Draut, and Dale Warren.

Board Members Absent: Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Tara Parker and Martha O'Bryan.

Recording Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting on October 12, 2021, were provided by Marilyn Puckett. A motion was made by Rick Tatum and seconded by Melanie Wood to approve the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A print copy of the report was provided by Mary Perry. She reported that \$1580 had been donated for Blessings in a Backpack. A motion was made by Debbie Dunn and seconded by Melanie Wood to approve the treasurer's report as printed. The report was approved and will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President: Sahara Myers reported that the efforts toward contributions for Blessings in a Backpack were successful. She was complimented on the way the opportunities to donate were presented. Sahara reported that Steve Flairty is scheduled to speak at the next General Meeting of the JCRTA on March 10. His topic will be Kentucky's Everyday Heroes. He will have a display of some of his books which will be available for purchase.

2nd Vice-President: Pam Gooch reported that a total of 85 people, including 27 new retirees, attended the December 7, 2021, General Meeting which was held at Wildwood Country Club.

Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Dunn reported that newsletter articles will be due by January 26, 2022.

KRTA Representative: Rick Tatum reported on items discussed at the last meeting of the KRTA Executive Board which was held December 6, 2021:

- Greg Roush was introduced as the new Deputy Executive Director, effective with the retirement of Janie Caslowe at the end of 2021.
- A financial audit report for KRTA showed everything in good standing.
- There were various reports from Board Committees. KRTA membership reached 63% of its potential membership. Current membership is 31,848 with a goal of 32,822.
- Members over 65 do not have to re-enroll in a health plan again. Annual wellness visits are encouraged.
- The 2022 Legislative Assembly begins January 4, 2022. To receive legislative text messages from KRTA, contact Tim Abrams at the KRTA office.
- The KRTA/AARP Grandparent Essay Contest has resumed.
- The dates of April 25-26, 2022 were approved for the Annual KRTA Convention at the Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne Lane.

Committee Chairperson Reports

Audit and Budget: No report.

Community Liaison: Donna Wiseman reported that she is transitioning to the position and that she is working on selecting the JCRTA Volunteer of the Year.

Insurance: Lue Peabody reported that she will have information to look for in the upcoming newsletter. It was suggested that she include information regarding TV advertisements by celebrities who promote Medicare supplements. The ads are misleading and should not be followed.

KRTA Membership: No report.

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard reported a total membership of 1,615 as of January 12, 2022. There are 126 members who have overpaid. There is \$90 from Ima Johns which is available for complimentary memberships. It was decided to give 4 new retirees free memberships at the March General Meeting and 5 at the May General Meeting. A list of new volunteers was included in her report.

Legislative: No report.

Nominations: Melanie Wood reported on the following nominations for 2022-24: 2nd Vice-President-Pam Gooch; Recording Secretary-Marilyn Puckett; Corresponding Secretary-Debbie Dunn; KRTA Council-Rick Tatum. The nominations will be voted on at the May General Meeting of the JCRTA.

Necrology: VACANT. Susan and Ken will work with Tara, Rick and Sahara to organize the remembrance program for the General Meeting in March.

Remembrance: Absent.

Technology: Ken Draut encouraged everyone to continue to check out the website.

Trips and Tours: No report.

Scholarship: Myra Fugate will be chairing the committee.

KRTA/AARP Essay Contest: Jill Ginsburg will oversee the essays.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Board meeting dates for 2022 are slightly off the previous schedules due to mailing and health issues.

The next General Meeting of the JCRTA will be held in-person at Wildwood Country Club on Thursday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m. Reservations will be due by March 1. If it had to be cancelled, calls would be made, checks returned, and the meeting would be conducted virtually. Ken will investigate having future meetings virtually as well as in-person. It was noted that the charge for lunch at Wildwood is \$25 per person. Members are currently paying \$20 with JCRTA paying the \$5 difference, plus a gratuity. It was determined that there will be no increase for members at this time, but it may be considered in the future.

Sahara stated that a table will be set up for Steve Flairty's books and that he will be reimbursed \$25 for travel.

Pam Gooch reported that future General Meetings of the JCRTA will be on Thursday, May 19; the KRTA Fall Workshop (hosted by KRTA) will be on Friday, August 26; the final General Meeting of 2022 will be on Tuesday, December 6.

The next JCRTA Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the KRTA office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

