

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was called to order by outgoing president Dale Warren at 10:05 a.m. Dale introduced Susan Thurman, incoming president. In her opening remarks Susan expressed appreciation to Dale for his term in office and welcomed those in attendance. 1st Vice President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Dale Warren, Susan Thurman, Sahara Myers, Marilyn Puckett, Mary Perry, Pam Gooch, Rick Tatum, Ann Hafling, Lue Peabody, Marilyn Hazard, Sheila Carson-Smith, Melanie Wood, Tara Parker, Martha O'Bryan.

Board Members Absent: Debbie Dunn, Michael Jones, Donna Seaford, Ken Draut.

Recording Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting on April 6, 2021 were presented by Marilyn Puckett. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer: Mary Perry presented the treasurer's report which was approved as printed and will be filed for audit.

1st Vice President: Sahara Myers asked about people being interested in presenting "How To" videos or power points for future General Meetings with possible table displays, etc. She suggested starting with board members who might be interested. She has contacted Steve Flaherty, an author, who will come to a future in-person meeting. Information will be in the newsletter regarding the collection of school supplies and/or monetary donations for the KRTA workshop.

2nd Vice President: Pam Gooch presented a list of venues she had contacted regarding the KRTA workshop on August 27. After discussion a motion was made and passed to go with Wildwood Country Club. She will also check with them regarding the December General meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Melanie Wood reported for Debbie Dunn that newsletter articles should be ready no later than July 26.

KRTA Representative: Rick Tatum reported that the KRTA Executive Council, chaired by outgoing president Sue Ellen Caldwell, met on June 7, 2021. The new KRTA president is Bill Kelley. All retired educators are urged to encourage those who are not members of KRTA to join. The membership goal for 2021-22 is 32,822. Health and Insurance Committee Members encouraged members to take advantage of the health connections available through TRS, including Corielle,

which does DNA testing. The committee is also studying the long term care policies which have developed issues because of excessive rate increases. More information will be provided on the KRTA Website. The Legislative committee will be meeting to develop the Legislative Program and priorities for KRTA for 2021-22. The information will be posted on the KRTA Website and will be printed in the newsletter. AARP reported that the Grandparent Essay contest will resume this year. All districts were encouraged to participate in the School Supplies and Food Drives this year.

Committee Chairperson Reports

Audit and Budget: Ann Hafling reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-22. There was a discussion regarding whether the N.O. Kimbler and Beauregard funds are separate. There was also discussion regarding increasing the number of JCRTA scholarships from one to two. A motion was made by Marilyn Hazard and seconded by Rick Tatum to approve the proposed budget. The motion carried.

Community Liaison: The position is currently vacant. Rick Tatum reviewed the information from the website about JCRTA member, Rose Mangino, who received the KRTA Volunteer of the Year award.

Insurance: Lue Peabody presented a KRTA Fact Sheet listing general information about KRTA including available benefits such as legal services, investment information, travel opportunities, various insurance plans, in-home care options and health insurance for Kentucky retired teachers. Kentucky retired teachers receive an automatic 1 ½ % annual increase. Any other increases must be approved by the General Assembly through the efforts of KRTA volunteer advocates.

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard reported that total membership to date is 1,271. She included a list of names of membership volunteers. There was discussion regarding a membership drive to encourage 2,324 KRTA members who are not currently members of JCRTA. A motion was made by Rick Tatum and seconded by Dale Warren to send an email blast to 1,510 who have email addresses and send a mailing to 814 who only have mailing addresses. The motion passed. Complimentary memberships will be provided by the Ima Johns Scholarship donations each year and will be awarded to new retirees at one or more general meetings.

KRTA Membership: Sheila Carson-Smith reported that college educators are eligible to join KRTA. Current membership to date is 32, 119. She presented information about an outing for members to attend a professional soccer game.

Information including date, time and prices will be forwarded through the JCRTA web site.

Legislative: Vacant. Susan Thurman reported that there had been a recent meeting with Gary Harbin regarding the following KRTA priorities for 2021-22.

- Restore funding to the Medical Insurance Fund as required by HB540, the 2010 Shared Responsibility Law.
- The General Assembly must continue to fully fund TRS.
- The General Assembly must maintain the Defined Benefit System for current and future Retired Teachers.
- Make no changes to the Board of Trustee structure of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.

Necrology: No report.

Nominations: No report.

Remembrance: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Technology: No report.

Trips and Tours: Martha O'Bryan reported on the upcoming trip to Vermont September 19-25, 2021. She stated that there has been a great response from those wanting to travel. Charleston is scheduled for May 16-21, 2022. She is also working on a day trip to Shakertown for September or October, 2021.

KRTA/AARP: Vacant.

Old Business:

- Ann Hafling shared that Betty Hester had given her a list of new retirees as well as a list of deceased members. She will share the information with anyone who needs it.
- It was noted that another name is needed on the checking/savings account in addition to the treasurer. Rick Tatum will fill that responsibility.
- Lunch prices for general meetings will stay \$20.00.
- Melanie Wood noted that a copy is needed of what was determined to be the duties and responsibilities of officers and committee members.

New Business: Free lunches for new retirees will be split. For the KRTA workshop new retirees in March, April and May of 2020 and March, April and May of 2021 will receive a complimentary lunch. Ann will work on that with Barbara Jacobs. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

