Minutes of the General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association May 18, 2023

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Wildwood Country Club.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by JCRTA President Susan Thurman who welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief overview of the program.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and invocation were led by 1st Vice President Sahara Myers.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, were provided by Marilyn Puckett. They were approved as printed.

Copies of the treasurer's report were provided by Mary Perry. The report will be filed for audit.

Sahara Myers introduced guest speaker Henry "Hank" Hensley who is a financial advisor with Henry Hensley and Associates, Inc. They are a full- service investment provider with common sense methods of investing. They have been serving the KRTA since 1992. They help people build, preserve, enjoy and distribute wealth. They will assist with portfolio review, retirement planning, insurance needs or explanation of statements. Other topics covered included wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts and powers of attorney.

Community Liaison, Donna Wiseman, reported that 8,268 volunteer hours were reported for 2022. Volunteer of the Year Martha Raley was recognized and congratulated. Donna also provided group requests for volunteers from the International Film Festival, KY Derby Museum and the Louisville Water Company.

Insurance Representative, Lue Peabody, provided handouts related to personal emergency response service by Lifeline and UnitedHealthcare.

Trips and Tours coordinator, Martha O'Bryan, announced two trips in 2024: Amelia Island, Jacksonville, FL, and a trip to Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa Canada.

Grandparent Essay Contest Coordinator, Cindy Goldstein, gave a brief overview of the contest.

KRTA Membership Chairperson, Sheila Carson-Smith, announced the Gold Award received by JCRTA during the KRTA Convention. She also announced an upcoming field trip to Roots 101 Museum on May 22.

JCRTA Membership Chairperson, Marilyn Hazard, thanked all who keep their membership current. Three new retirees in attendance received complimentary one-year memberships.

JCRTA President Susan Thurman introduced Jordan Baird, the recipient of the 2023 JCRTA Scholarship. Jordan will graduate from Jeffersontown High School with the highest GPA in her senior class. She will be majoring in Elementary Education at Western Kentucky University.

Nominations Chairperson, Melanie Wood presented the proposed slate of nominees for offices in 2023-2025: President, Susan Thurman; 1st Vice-President, Glenna Hess; Treasurer, Mary Perry. All nominees were approved by a show of hands. Outgoing 1st Vice-President, Sahara Myers was recognized for her accomplishments in that role for the past four years. She will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as the Necrology/Remembrance Chairperson.

New retirees were introduced and gave brief summaries of their teaching careers.

The Golden Girls Rockettes - Beth Dowell, Pam Gooch, Sahara Myers, Martha O'Bryan and Susan Thurman gave an encore performance of their KRTA Convention parody: "Retired – Our Way!"

2nd Vice-President Pam Gooch held a drawing for door prizes. She announced that groups of 3 or more who register from the same school can have a reserved table. The next General Meeting will be the KRTA Workshop on Friday, August 25, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and was followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary