Minutes of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association General Meeting, December 4, 2019

Call to Order: The December meeting of JCRTA met at the University Club. President Warren called the meeting to order at 10:05 and welcomed everyone. Immediate Past President Rick Tatum gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Atherton High School's Chamber Singers sang the National Anthem.

Program – 1st Vice President, Sahara Myers welcomed and introduced our special guests. First on the program was the Chamber Singers from Atherton High School under the direction of Melinda Cumberledge. The Chamber Singers performed holiday songs.

Program – 1st Vice President, Sahara Myers welcomed Joann James for our keynote address. Ms. James gave an inspirational, upbeat presentation about reaching one's potential and trying new things. She was indeed inspirational and brought much laughter and motivation to the group.

Business Session: President Warren called the business portion of the meeting together.

Recording Secretary – Marianne Humphries – copies of the minutes of the August 2019 General Meeting were placed on tables. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer – Mary Perry – copies of the Treasurer's Report were placed on the tables. An audit is due soon.

1st **Vice President** – Sahara Myers – thanked guests for their canned goods and pointed out receptacles around the room where the food could be placed.

Community Liaison/Technology – Ken Draut – explained the Volunteer Hours collection process and encouraged members to fill out the Volunteer Hour Sheets. In addition, Ken asked for nominees for the JCRTA Volunteer of the Year. For Technology, Ken reminded everyone about the JCRTA website and Facebook page.

Legislative – Susan Thurman – JCRTA Representative to KRTA – Susan thanked everyone for the interest in all the legislative process. She handed out "Legislative Message 2019-20: Fighting the False Narrative." She reminded people about the upcoming legislative session and to stay informed and active. No legislative actions were on the table, but the legislators were due to return in January. Melanie Wood shared the "Kentucky Retired Teachers Association Fact Sheet" listing general information about KRTA staff, membership and services.

Membership – Marilyn Hazard – reminded people to pay for their 2019/20 membership and she had membership forms. Also, anyone could check their membership with her at the meeting.

Insurance – Lue Peabody – provided two insurance handouts for 2020 that pointed out changes and current facts about our insurance. Lue reminded people to visit the JCRTA website for insurance information.

Trips and Tours – Ruth Boone and Martha O'Bryan – there are three trips in the works. Martha encouraged people to sign up for: (a) Charleston, South Carolina trip May 17-22, 2020, (b) Danube River Cruise, August 2020 and (c) the Vermont trip in September 2020.

Recognition of New Retirees – Dale Warren – Dale asked the 11 new retirees to introduce themselves and tell what school they retired from. A microphone was passed from each Retiree who then introduced themselves.

Door Prizes – Dale Warren gave out the raffle door prizes. Meeting adjourned 12:55 p.m.

