

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Thursday, March 10, 2022**

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Wildwood Country Club.

The meeting was called to order by JCRTA President Susan Thurman at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all who were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by 2nd Vice-President Sahara Myers.

Sahara Myers introduced the guest speaker, Stephen Flairty, Kentucky author and columnist. Mr. Flairty told engaging stories about “Kentucky’s Everyday Heroes”, highlighting ordinary people who do good things.

Susan Thurman reported on the KRTA Convention to be held April 25-26, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne. She gave registration information and noted that KRTA was formed in 1957 and that it is the only organization in the state that looks out for retired teachers.

Sheila Carson-Smith, KRTA Membership chairperson, encouraged KRTA members to attend the convention. She reported that out of 6,601 retired teachers in Jefferson County, 3,577 are active KRTA members.

Beth Dowdell, JCRTA Legislative liaison, encouraged everyone to visit the KRTA web site to see the priorities in both of the proposed budget bills this legislative session. All are encouraged to thank their senators and representatives for their support. She also noted that there was misleading information regarding TRS and the Russian bank and to check out the KRTA web site for the facts.

Susan Thurman and KRTA Representative Dr. Rick Tatum led a beautiful Remembrance Celebration to honor the memories of those members who passed away January 1-December 31, 2021. A candle was lit, a video of the poem “The Dash” was played and Dr. Tatum read the poem “The Broken Chain”. It was noted that two of the deceased were former JCRTA President Jim Hicks and former JCRTA Board Member Joyce Cecil, who was the Necrology chairperson.

Marilyn Hazard, JCRTA Membership chairperson, and Susan Thurman introduced and congratulated the six new retirees in attendance. All six received a complimentary one-year membership in JCRTA for 2022-2023. Susan also introduced Jill Ginsburg who will be the AARP/Grandparent Essay Contest representative.

Pam Gooch, 2nd Vice-President, conducted a drawing for four door prizes.

In closing, Susan Thurman thanked everyone for coming, and announced that Dr. Rick Tatum had been nominated to be KRTA Vice President for 2022-2023. There are fourteen KRTA districts in the state. Congratulations to Dr. Tatum.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary