

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the  
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association  
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

The General meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Wildwood Country Club.

JCRTA President Susan Thurman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Sahara Myers introduced and welcomed motivational speaker Jo Ann James, a retired Social Work professional and retired teacher who was the Kentucky School Social Worker of the Year in 2017-18. The topic of her inspirational presentation was how to “Relaunch.” She said to treat every day as “New Year’s Eve.” She stated that no one is ever too old to fulfill their dreams and that every day has “one more thing” to finish. She encouraged all who were listening that if you have “one more thing” then do it!

Following the speaker, Sahara Myers led the group in a short, entertaining Trivia activity.

### **Committee Reports**

**Legislative:** Beth Dowdell reported that Governor Andy Beshear signed the biennium budget bill on 4/11/22. The budget included the legislative priorities for retirees:

- Full funding of the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS).
- Full funding of the TRS Medical Insurance fund for the next two years.
- Allocation of \$420 million in additional funding to pay off past obligations of TRS (not listed as a KRTA priority but welcome news.)

Beth also mentioned various bills that were pending that affect teachers and students.

**Community Liaison:** Donna Wiseman announced that Frankie Buckman is the 2022 JCRTA Volunteer of the Year. Frankie was unable to attend but will be honored at the August General Meeting. Donna encouraged everyone to find a way or place to volunteer.

**Scholarship:** Myra Fugate announced and congratulated the 2022 Jefferson County Retired Teacher Scholarship recipients. Laksita Prasanna will be attending the University of Louisville and Madison Conn will be attending Western Kentucky University. The scholarships extend our support for future teachers, and it is an honor to be part of their future careers.

**Trips and Tours:** Martha O’Bryan was on a trip, but it was reported for her that there were still openings for the trip to Branson, MO on October 10-14, 2022. Forms can be found on the website, jcrta.org.

**JCRTA Membership:** Marilyn Hazard announced that May is designated as “membership month”. A drawing was held for 5 complimentary one-year memberships for new retirees. President Susan Thurman gave a brief overview of benefits of being a member of KRTA. She noted that Jefferson County received the bronze award for membership for 2021-22.

**Nominations:** Melanie Wood presented the slate of officers to be elected for 2022-24:

- Pamela Gooch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
- Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary
- Debbie Dunn, Corresponding Secretary
- Tara Parker, KRTA Executive Council Representative
- Dr. Rick Tatum, KRTA Vice President

President Susan Thurman introduced the new retirees in attendance. Each retiree was given an opportunity to tell their name and where they worked.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Pam Gooch conducted a drawing for four door prizes.

President Susan Thurman announced that the next General Meeting will be the KRTA Fall Workshop which will be held at Wildwood Country Club on August 26, 2022. Members of the KRTA and TRS staffs will be present as well as various vendors.

The meeting was concluded and adjourned at 11:40 a.m., followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary