

Minutes of the General Meeting of the  
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association

August 25, 2023

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association/KRTA 2023 Fall Workshop was held Friday, August 25, 2023, at Wildwood Country Club. JCRTA President Susan Thurman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Susan welcomed all in attendance and gave an overview of the KRTA program to be presented.

Dr. Rick Tatum, current KRTA President-Elect, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

President Susan Thurman introduced members of the KRTA staff and board and recognized the partner organizations.

KRTA President Steve Gillespie gave an overview of where he's from, information about his family, and talked about his school years. He stated that he enjoyed his teaching career. He noted in his remarks that KRTA must think in different ways, be aware of the needs of others and take care of each other. KRTA needs to remain strong as an organization. Members need to keep up to date on KRTA news. He encouraged retirees to take advantage of KRTA benefits, call for information when needed and voice concerns when they arise. It is important to know legislators, to build relationships with them and to be involved and vigilant. TRS Executive Secretary Gary Harbin gave a TRS update. He stated that TRS is in good shape and reminded the membership that trustees are elected by them. His slide presentation included information regarding investment performance, retired teacher benefits, Board of Trustees, funding updates, retiree healthcare (KEHP-under age 65; MEHP-over age 65), personalized medicine, retirements and counseling, summary of information on retiree annual statements, and Pathway, the online access to TRS members. TRS members should say "NO" to those

benefit plans advertised on TV and should ignore 3 rd party solicitations because they are not from TRS.

KRTA Executive Director Tim Abrams gave a KRTA update. He thanked Gary Harbin and the partners for being there. He gave a brief overview of the green sheet handout which has important information regarding KRTA partners and their contact information. Priorities for the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, which were included on a handout, were noted.

JCRTA President Susan Thurman led the remainder of the meeting. The minutes and treasurer's reports of the previous General Meeting on May 18, 2023, were approved as printed. The 2024 budget was presented for approval. A motion was made by Debbie Dunn and seconded by Howard Hardin to approve the 2024 budget. The motion passed.

JCRTA Trips and Tours chairperson, Martha O'Bryan presented information regarding upcoming trips. They included a trip to Las Vegas and 17 national parks in September 2023; Canada in June 2024; Florida (Amelia Island, St. Petersburg) in September 2024; South America in April 2024.

JCRTA Technology Chairperson Ken Draut gave information regarding the official website JCRTA.org. Those who make donations have the option of making them online or by check.

New retirees were recognized and door prizes were given out.

The next General Meeting of the JCRTA will be on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary