**Minutes of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association**

 **KRTA Fall Workshop**

**Friday, August 26, 2022**

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on Friday, August 26,2022, at Wildwood Country Club.

The meeting was called to order by JCRTA President Susan Thurman at 10:04 a.m.

1st Vice President Sahara Myers gave the invocation. Susan introduced the KRTA representatives and partners.

Golden Hale, KRTA President, in his opening remarks, included some personal history of his school years. He is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College. He stated that KRTA is not political and that the organization should avoid the appearance of being so.

Gary Harbin, TRS Executive Secretary, gave a TRS update. An overall assessment of the TRS is that the system is in great shape with funding and medical benefits. Various topics were covered including statistics regarding TRS benefits, investment performance, funding updates and an actuarial analysis.

Retiree Health Insurance topics included information regarding KEHP (under 65), MEHP (over 65), United Healthcare, Express Scripts and personalized medicine.

Tim Abrams, KRTA Executive Director, remarked that the sole mission of the KRTA is the welfare of Kentucky retired teachers. The membership of approximately 32,000 is a big voice in Frankfort. He gave an overview of membership benefits and services and shared the legislative priorities for 2023:

1. Fully fund the statutorily required obligation to the TRS Medical Insurance Fund as required by HB 540, the 2010 Shared Responsibility Law.
2. Fully fund the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) in accordance with the state’s pension-contribution statute.
3. Maintain the defined benefit system currently in place for Kentucky’s retired, current and future teachers.
4. Maintain the current TRS board structure.
5. Oppose any legislation that would result in higher prescription costs for Kentucky’s retired teachers.
6. Maintain sick days for active teachers as part of retirement benefits.

JCRTA President Susan Thurman thanked KRTA presenters. The JCRTA fall campaign for school supplies was announced. Envelopes were distributed for voluntary monetary contributions. The beneficiary this year is Atkinson Elementary.

Martha O’Bryan, Trips and Tours chairperson, announced upcoming trips in 2023. They include Chicago in May, and Cape Cod in September.

New retirees in attendance were introduced. Each one gave their name and told where they had taught.

Sheila Carson-Smith announced upcoming outings to Bats or soccer games.

Drawings for door prizes were held.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary