

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association Board of Directors was called to order by JCRTA President Susan Thurman at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance including volunteers Joyce May and Michael Jones, and Myra Fugate, Scholarship chairperson. KRTA Executive Director Dr. Tim Abrams greeted everyone and gave some updates on the upcoming KRTA Convention on April 25-26, 2022. He announced that Gary Harbin will report on TRS and that there will be a fashion show depicting education through the years. 1st Vice-President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. It was announced that Sahara Myers will be singing the National Anthem at the convention.

Board Members Present: Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Ken Draut, Myra Fugate, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn Hazard, Sahara Myers, Tara Parker, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Rick Tatum, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren.

Board Members Absent: Debbie Dunn, Jill Ginsburg, Martha O”Bryan, Lue Peabody, Donna Wiseman, Melanie Wood.

Recording Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting on January 12, 2022, were provided by Marilyn Puckett. A motion was made by Rick Tatum and seconded by Tara Parker to approve the minutes as corrected to say that Steve Flairty “will be reimbursed \$50 for travel.” The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Copies of the treasurer’s report were provided by Mary Perry. Rick Tatum made a motion to accept the report as printed. Tara Parker gave the second. The motion passed and the report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President: Sahara Myers reported that she was pleased with Steve Flairty’s presentation at the March General Meeting. She announced that Jo Ann James will be the speaker at the next General Meeting on May 19, 2022.

2nd Vice-President: Pam Gooch reported a total of 85 attendees at the March General Meeting. There were 71 registered and paid, 5 new retirees, 2 guests plus 7 walk-ins.

Corresponding Secretary: It was reported for Debbie Dunn that the newsletter articles will be due April 7, 2022.

KRTA Representative: Dr. Rick Tatum reported that the major activities going on in the KRTA during the past few months have involved the current Legislative

Session and annual convention planning. He reported that Tim Abrams, KRTA Executive Director keeps the membership well informed of activities during the Legislative Session. Everyone is encouraged to be signed up for the KRTA email link in order to keep up with legislators and to let them know the need for their support for retired teachers in bills that affect us. Dr. Tatum announced that the Annual KRTA Convention will be held April 25 and 26 at the Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne Parkway. There will be very informative sessions and recognitions as well as other activities. There will be exhibits by our KRTA partners and enjoyable music by the Master's Men Choir, directed by Melanie Wood.

Committee Chairperson Reports

Audit and Budget: Ann Hafling reported that budget information is being reviewed. The budget year is July-June. She suggested looking over budgeted amounts by June 1 to see if adjustments are needed.

Community Liaison: Donna Wiseman was absent, but she passed along an information sheet announcing that Frankie Buckman, a retired Visual Impairment teacher from Southern High School is our Volunteer of the Year. Frankie taught for 33 years and now volunteers at Norton Hospital as well as supporting active service men and women through the USO. She encouraged JCRTA members to go to the JCRTA web page and check out the opportunities to volunteer. She noted that JCRTA members reported 13,144 hours of service in 2021.

Insurance: No report.

KRTA Membership: Sheila Carson-Smith reported that she is investigating new ideas for activities and asked for any suggestions. She reported that 5 new retirees joined at the last General Meeting in March, plus two others. She is putting together information to help recruit new members to join immediately after retirement, and will collaborate with Barbara Jacobs.

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard reported that, to date, total membership is 1630. She said that 138 members have overpaid and emphasized that if members overpay, the excess will be considered a donation. She stated that there will be a table exclusively for new retirees at the May General Meeting. Ann Hafling suggested designating the month of May as Membership Month.

Legislative: Beth Dowdell reported that we are pleased with the biennial budget bill. The good news is that the budget contains our legislative priorities including:

- Full funding for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS).
- Full funding for the TRS Medical Insurance Fund for the next two years.
- Allocation of \$420 million in additional funding to pay off past obligations of TRS.

There are some bills that are pending which affect current teachers and students. These bills are all in process and will be “on hold” until the next legislative session which begins on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Nominations: Melanie Wood was absent. It was noted that the nominees for 2022-2024 JCRTA officers will be presented for election at the May 19, 2022, General meeting: 2nd Vice-President-Pam Gooch; Recording Secretary-Marilyn Puckett; Corresponding Secretary-Debbie Dunn; KRTA Representative-Tara Parker.

Necrology: Vacant.

Remembrance: Tara Parker stated that the main issue is getting information in a timely manner and that the position will be vacant in July. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Rick Tatum to combine the positions of Necrology and Remembrance. The motion was seconded by Tara Parker. The motion passed.

Technology: Ken Draut suggested that we look at the web site and let him know if there are any updates to be made. He will be putting the Constitution and Bylaws on the web site.

Trips and Tours: Martha O’Bryan was not present but sent a report. JCRTA will be sponsoring a trip to Charleston, May 16-25, 2022. There will be a river cruise in Eastern Europe going down the Danube to the Black Sea, July 30-August 11, 2022. A trip is planned to Branson, MO on October 10-14, 2022, and will be advertised after the Charleston trip. A day trip will be scheduled in 2022.

Scholarship: No report. Myra Fugate will be assuming this position.

KRTA/AARP Essay Contest: No Report.

Old Business: President Susan Thurman made a special presentation to immediate Past President Dale Warren in recognition of his service to JCRTA.

New Business: President Susan Thurman reviewed the KRTA Convention schedule for April 25-26 at Holiday Inn Hurstbourne. The delegate assembly will be on April 26 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. The 2022 delegates are Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Debbie Dunn, Pam Gooch, Marilyn Hazard, Sahara Myers, Tara Parker, May Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Dale Warren. Alternates are Martha O’Bryan and Susan Thurman. Mary Perry will be responsible for a \$50 door prize. Susan announced that Dr. Rick Tatum will be nominated for KRTA Vice-President for 2022-23. The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

