

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
December 4, 2025**

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on December 4, 2025, at Wildwood Country Club. JCRTA President, Vicki Lete, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all. Debby Murrell gave the Invocation and Susan Thurman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting on August 22, 2025, were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Sheryl Tapp and seconded by Ann Hafling. The treasurer's report was provided by Bill Routh and approved as printed.

Susan Thurman, 1st VP, thanked Debby Murrell for giving the Invocation. Susan wanted to honor Debby by asking her to present our Invocation as she is an ordained minister and the first female Band Director in Kentucky at Fern Creek High School. Susan then introduced the Fern Creek High School Advanced Concert Choir and Advanced SSA Choir and they performed a selection of musical songs. They were directed by Talor Byrd.

Susan Thurman explained that JCRTA collects two donations a year. In the fall, we collected \$1,000 for Goldsmith Elementary and for our December Service Project we are collecting money for Blessings in a Backpack. Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend food to feed insecure families. This past year, 6,800 students received a backpack of food each weekend.

Dale Warren, Parliamentarian, gave information about the AARP Driver Safety Course in Kentucky. You receive a discount on your car insurance if you take the course. The course is \$20 and is offered in various locations. Information will be provided throughout the year.

Donna Wiseman, Community Liaison, reminded us to complete the worksheet that provides the number of volunteer hours each retired teacher volunteered this year. It is important that we report to the state the number of hours we serve to show our impact in Kentucky. At the bottom of the form provided, Donna asked us to nominate a volunteer of the year.

Lue Peabody, Insurance, MEHP insurance is changing to Humana on January 1, 2026. Our new insurance cards are projected to be mailed the week of December 22. If you do not receive your card by the end of December, contact Humana. The TRS office will have two

Health Insurance Advocates on site at the TRS office. The phone number is 800-618-1687. KEHP will remain the same.

Vicki Lete introduced Kathy Fries, the new JCRTA Membership chairperson. Melanie Wood and the Nominations Committee of Tara Parker and Sheryl Tapp will be coming up with nominations for the board positions that are up for election this year, 2026. They are 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and KRTA Council Representative.

Beth Dowdell, Legislative, reported that there are many new Kentucky legislators. She asked that everyone contact their legislators and introduce yourself. KRTA.org has a legislative page with many resources for you to stay informed. She provided an overview handout of KRTA's 2026 Legislative Priorities.

Myra Fugate is our scholarships chair. She could not attend the meeting but wanted everyone to know we provide two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors going into education. Information is on our website: JCRTA.org.

Mary Jo Berry spoke for Martha O'Bryan, Trips and Tours, and gave an overview of trips that she has attended with JCRTA. Upcoming trips are Eastern Caribbean Cruise in March 2026; Pacific Coast Cruise in October 2026; and New York City in December 2026. The JCRTA website gives details. Plans are in the works for day trips such as a Day at the Downs.

New retirees in attendance were recognized.

Vicki Lete introduced Reindeer Games and Frosty the Snowman made an appearance and told some snow jokes.

Door prizes were given out by Sheryl Tapp.

The next General Meeting of the JCRTA will be on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m. and a buffet lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Gooch, Recording Secretary