

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
May 15, 2025**

The General Meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association was held on May 15, 2025, at Wildwood Country Club. JCRTA President, Susan Thurman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed all. Vicki Lete, 1st Vice President, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting on March 6, 2025, were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Debby Murrell and seconded by Sheila Carson-Smith. The treasurer's report was provided by Mary Perry and approved as printed. Mary Perry was thanked for her years of service as Treasurer. Susan Thurman thanked everyone for their support during her 4 years of service as President including the JCRTA Board. She expressed that it was a privilege to serve.

*Tara Parker presented the Nominations/Elections slate in Melanie Wood's absence which included Vicki Lete, nominee for President; Susan Thurman, nominee for 1st Vice President; and Bill Routh, nominee for Treasurer. She asked for approval of the slate. Rick Tatum made a motion to approve the slate of officers and Ima Johns seconded. The motion passed with no objections.

*David Thurmond, M.Ed. was introduced including his many contributions to our community. He presented his program entitled: *Movement with Meaning and Music for the Senior Brain* assisted by Eric Richardson, CEO of National Parkinson's Institute. Mr. Richardson spoke about the vision to bring the National Parkinson Institute to Louisville. As a local nonprofit, it offers services free-of-charge for Parkinson patients. Its mission is to support the fight against Parkinson's Disease by improving quality of life through dance and exercise. Exercise and Dance are the top means to help the brain. Brain neurons are sent to parts of the body to perform the movements in anticipation of the counting and the rhythm from the music. Dance, Movement and Music help improve your brain function. Free dance classes are offered to all, including seniors, stroke and MS patients. The classes are held on Mondays at 4:30 at the UofL Medical Center East 3rd floor conference room. For more information email: Admin@nationalparkinsonsinstitute.com.

*2025 Awards:

- Donna Wiseman, Community and Volunteer Liaison, made the presentation of JCRTA Volunteer of the Year Award to Joan Alvey. Joan's message: "If you are bored, Volunteer!" Donna shared many volunteer opportunities including Wreaths Across America, AARP and CASA. She encouraged everyone to check out the JCRTA.org website for more information.

- Myra Fugate, Scholarship Chair, made the presentation of the JCRTA Scholarships to Gabrielle Haynes from Central High School and Akriti Logun from Fairdale High School. Ms. Logun's award will be presented at her school's award ceremony.
- Marilyn Puckett, JCRTA/AARP Chair, made the presentation of the JCRTA/AARP Grandparent Essay Contest Winner to Gwendolyn Legleiter from Wilder Elementary with Erin Masterson her 5th grade teacher. In attendance with her were her dad and her grandparents. She read her winning essay about her grandfather, Pops Legleiter.

*Susan introduced Mary Beth Dixon from AARP and shared the many things AARP provides to retired people including teachers. Ms. Dixon shared an informational session opportunity on June 5 that is offered to help prevent scams and a free lunch is provided. She also asked for volunteers for the Kentucky State Fair, August 14-24. Volunteers will honor veterans and provide information about the scams that target veterans. Free admission, parking and meal will be provided. Call her at (609) 937-0246 or email her mdixon@aarp.org.

*Vicki Lete, 1st Vice President, presented the School Supply Drive Funds to Kenwood Elementary for \$1,000. Dr. Jameeah Henderson, Principal, thanked everyone for the funds from JCRTA which were used by the school to buy school supplies for teachers/students.

*Susan introduced Sheila Carson-Smith to promote the Membership Campaign 2025, Everyone was reminded to renew their KRTA and JCRTA memberships. We are the only organization with our sole purpose to Retired Teachers. We received membership awards at the recent KRTA Convention. Sheila and Ken Draut were instrumental in helping our organization grow.

*Susan shared upcoming trips and tours since Martha O'Bryan was not in attendance, Day at the Downs on Millionaire's Row at Churchill Downs is June 6, 2025; a New England Cruise October 5-12, 2025, and a bus trip to Biltmore Estates Nov 23-26. Registration information is at www.jcrt.org.

New retirees were recognized, and door prizes were given out. The next General Meeting of JCRTA will be on Thursday, August 22, 2025. It is also the KRTA Workshop that provides lots of information to retirees.

A special recognition, thanks and gift presentation was made for out-going president, Susan Thurman. Greg Roush, KRTA Executive Director, spoke about the contributions Susan made to make our JCRTA organization so strong. Rick Tatum, KRTA President, shared thoughts about the leadership of Susan and thanked her.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. and a buffet lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Gooch, Recording Secretary