

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2024**

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 10:03 a.m. Susan welcomed everyone, and introduced new Board member, Sheryl Tapp as 2nd Vice President and Katie Foley as the Trips and Tours co-chair. New positions are Pam Gooch as Recording Secretary, Cindy Goldstein as Corresponding Secretary and Marilyn Puckett as KRTA/AARP Essay Contest. Susan gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Beth Dowdell, Ken Draut, Myra Fugate, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn Hazard, Vicki Lette, Martha O'Bryan, Tara Parker, Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Sheryl Tapp, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren, Donna Wiseman.

Board Members Absent: Sheila Carson-Smith, Cindy Goldstein, Sahara Myers, Lue Peabody, Melanie Wood.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Recording Secretary: Outgoing Recording Secretary Marilyn Puckett provided copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on March 26, 2024. Tara made a correction of spelling of Greg Roush. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected and printed was made by Tara Parker and seconded by Sheryl Tapp. The motion carried.

1st Vice-President: KRTA Fall Workshop and JCRTA General Meeting is August 23, 2024. Logistics of the meeting were reviewed.

Treasurer: Mary Perry provided copies of the treasurer's report. Memberships are low, but we are still getting memberships. Susan suggested we consider adding a \$50 stipend for the teacher of the student that wins the AARP/Grandparent essay contest. Tara Parker made the motion for this to be added and Dale Warren seconded. The report was approved as printed and will be filed for audit.

2nd Vice President: Outgoing 2nd Vice President Pam Gooch reported on General Meeting attendance and expenses from the May 16 meeting. Discussion about our menu options including a breakfast option and costs for buffet-style versus plated meal. The cost per

person is \$16, but with the additional cost of taxes and service fees the meal is actually \$21 per person. Sheryl Tapp is going to meet with Wildwood. Dessert options to consider are a sheet cake from Costco or Gordon FS for cookies to be individually wrapped. Susan asked us to consider paying a portion of the lunch of new retirees. Susan suggested we make an amendment that they would only pay \$10. Pam Gooch made a motion to accept this amendment and Ann Hafling seconded. The motion passed. Ann will get with Barbara Jacobs to change the invitation and add a note to send in your KRTA and JCRTA memberships. Sheryl Tapp announced that August 14 is the deadline for reservations for the August 23 General Meeting/KRTA Workshop.

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Goldstein is in this new position but was not able to attend. Susan reported that the deadline date for the next newsletter article is July 11. The newsletter printer's email to submit your article is pennantart@yahoo.com

KRTA Representative: Tara Parker reported on the KRTA Executive Council Meeting from June 3, 2024.

- Each District RTA needs to submit names of new leadership to the state office.
- Letters have been sent out to cash members encouraging them to maintain their membership and to new retirees to encourage them to join. Membership benefits to highlight are LifeLock and Legal Line. Tim Abrams predicts that numbers for retirements this year will be the biggest we've ever had.
- The Express Scripts contract expires this year and we need as many of our retirees as possible to sign up so we can justify its existence.
- Legislative concerns are the School Choice Bill with awareness that it sounds like it is positive but takes away from public schools funding and the Herald Leader report that revenue is an issue and it will be a struggle to try to get income tax to zero. We depend on that revenue at TRS.
- AARP programs are available for our General Meetings. Programs include Fraud Watch, Veterans' Issues and Voter Turnout.
- N.O. Kimbler Scholarships will continue to give \$1650. Will also put together a committee to begin giving scholarships for active teachers for classroom use or teacher education.
- 2024-25 Tentative Budget: Investments are doing well, but we never want to spend more than we have coming in.
- Application process for the Executive Director position is in place with interviews in July, approval at the August Executive Council meeting, with a start date of August 1 in order for Tim Abrams to co-lead until he leaves on December 31.

Committee and Chairperson Reports:

Audit and Budget: Ann Hafling reviewed the proposed budget for 2024-25. Based on the passed motion to add a \$50 stipend for the Teacher of the winning AARP/Grandparents Essay contest, Ann will provide a new budget at the next meeting. We moved money out of a savings account and into a CD account since we were being charged a fee. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget with changes by Tara Parker and seconded by Donna Wiseman.

Insurance: No Report

KRTA Membership: No Report

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard gave us a printout of 702 memberships; 103 were made electronically for a total of 805 members. Membership is down. There are approximately 6,000 retired teachers in Jefferson Co. Discussion was about targeting members that were members last year but not this year; KRTA members but not JCRTA members and people that are not members of either. A membership committee is meeting after the Board meeting. New members that want to volunteer will be contacted and shared with Barbara Jacobs.

Technology: Ken Draut provided a QR code for JCRTA to use to collect donations. Ken walked us through how to use the code. Donations do not have a fee charged.

Legislative: Beth Dowdell reported the biennial budget fully funded the TRS pension request and fully funded retiree benefit insurance. Beth will keep us posted after her next Legislative meeting in July.

Nominating/Elections: No report

Necrology/Remembrance: No report

Scholarship: Myra Fugate reported that our recipients were from Butler and Eastern High Schools.

Trips and Tours: Martha O/Bryan reported that her hands are tied in not being able to collect the money for the bus or admission fee for a day trip. For liability reasons we cannot collect money. Katie Foley reported that we could carpool. For local trips, people provide their own transportation. Martha will be checking with KRTA legal representatives to see how we could handle this. Upcoming proposed day trip:

- Churchill Downs on Friday, September 27. Tables of 8 and one person would have to pay with one credit card.

Diamond Tours possibilities:

- Royal Military Tattoo in Scotland, August 6-15, 2025
- New Hampshire, September 19- October 10, 2025
- Canada & New England, October 5-12, 2025

KRTA/AARP Essay Contest: Marilyn Puckett is the new chairperson. Since we did not have a winner from Jefferson County last year, we are taking a different approach. We will not target the entire county but will get a teacher or two to have their 5th grade classroom to participate in writing essays in conjunction with Grandparents Day for judging. If you have a connection with a 5th grade teacher, let Marilyn know his/her contact information. The winner receives a certificate and \$50 and the teacher also receives \$50.

Old Business: JCRTA business cards were distributed to give to retired teachers. Membership committee is moving forward to get new members.

New Business: Dora Moore, United Healthcare, wants to partner with KRTA, TRS, and JCRTA for the new school year to give school supplies to schools. They are donating all the supplies and boxes for all schools in Jefferson County. We are to provide volunteers to pack and deliver the supplies to schools. We will commit two days, 30 volunteers each on August 13 (packing) and August 15 (delivering). We will meet at the OMNI Hotel Downtown with time to be determined. Valet Parking will be available at no charge. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Susan will be sending out an email. Our yearly collections for school supplies will look differently and Vicki Lete will coordinate that.

Draft Meeting Dates for 2025:

Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 14
Tuesday, March 25
Tuesday, June 24
Tuesday, October 7

General Meetings

Thursday, March 6
Thursday, May 15
Friday August 22
Thursday, December 4

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Gooch, Recording Secretary