

CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION MINUTES

October 16, 2020 zoom Meeting

10:30 to 11:03: Members signed in to Zoom, facilitated by Lyn Abercrombie. Della Swaim called the meeting to order at 11:04

- Della Swaim and Shaima Hakimi greeted visitors and recognized members: Sharon Clark and Dr. Chris Salerno.
- Shaima led the pledges.
- Della recognized and thanked Bert Alexander for his service to our group at our meeting place, Farmers Branch Church of Christ in Farmers Branch. For a remembrance and farewell, Della will send him a check to pay for baseball tickets. Bert, who was in attendance, shared his future plans and what he will miss about working with our group to support public education.

Announcements

- Debbie Moss drew 2 names for door prizes. She then shared that the bake sale will be postponed until we can meet face-to face.
- Pat Enlow updated information about our upcoming meetings: November 4 at 11AM, Dr. Chapman C-FB ISD Superintendent will update us on the district's response to COVID and any new programs. On December 16 Jackie Payne will sing songs for the holidays.

Introduction of Speaker

Pat Enlow introduced Tim Lee, Executive Director TRTA

- Tim shared the latest information about the legislative session in January 2021. He will fight for a raise for retired personnel as well as for health care costs. There is a \$3.5 billion excess in the health care fund. Tim will work to see that the money is used on retired employees since they pay the largest amount. He said, "Politicians will act if there is enough pressure." He mentioned the importance of voting on November 3. He will also continue to keep WEP as an important bill to be repealed. His focus will be to let the politicians know our needs in January. He mentioned how critical this will be after the election, especially to contact our representatives concerning the passage of the Ray of Hope bill. Tim added that he really misses seeing people in person since he

has done this since 1996. Tim said to look for the announcement for the TRTA Tutoring online program. Tim then answered questions from the members concerning how the retired teachers can sign up, how teachers will be contacted to tutor, and if teachers can chose what they want to teach.

- Della adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Della Swaim, President

Date approved