

**CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
ZOOM MEETING**

September 16, 2020

Members logged on to Zoom 10:30-11:06 a.m. facilitated by Lyn Abercrombie.

Della Swain called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. welcoming 54 attendees to a new platform for meeting.

- Lori Smith and Della Swain welcomed new retirees and new members.
- Lori Smith led the group in the pledges.

General Announcements:

- Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, shared the following information about future meetings: October 21, Zoom meeting with Tim Lee about elections; a possible November 4 with Dr. Chapman, C-FB ISD Superintendent, a brief meeting on update for the district; December 16 with Jackie Payne, musician. Both February 17, 2021 and the March 21 meetings are dependent on the state of COVID-19. May 19 is scheduled for installation of new officers with Sandra Barber, President of TRTA District 10.
- Della Swain informed members about a recent initiative by TRTA to provide at least 1000 retired teachers to tutor on line and the pay will be \$30. -\$40. per hour. They will hire more tutors if they raise more funds. They will hire more tutors if they raise more funds. The TRTA tutoring program was designed/spearheaded by Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA, and is administered through TRTF, the charitable arm of TRTA.
- Della reminded members to get their flu shots. She also encouraged members to pay their dues.
- Della shared that all field trips are cancelled at least through December 2020 because of COVID and the umbrella insurance liability.

Speaker/Presentation:

- Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, introduced speaker **Lynn Dorn, "All About Silver Sneakers."** Ms. Dorn led the members in about 15 minutes of Silver Sneaker exercises, explaining the importance of flexibility, strength, and balance along with walking. She also shared that this free program will also be covered by Medicare and the new insurance company United Healthcare. Ms. Dorn told us of available resources online for workouts that can be done at home. Ms. Dorn answered questions from members. Della Swain encouraged members to register for GO365 to receive gift cards that you earn through exercise and preventative medical care.

Meeting:

- Della led a discussion concerning the budget for the 2020-2021 year as members viewed the line items. She explained it's based on the limits and uncertainty because of COVID-19, so the budget is dependent on last year's budget. Della made a motion to pass the budget. Linda Tole made the first motion to accept the budget, and Pat Enlow seconded it. Della asked for members to vote on the motion. The motions passed unanimously. Judy Carey reminded members to send in their dues.
- Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, reported that a large donation was made to the Children's Book Project by Sharla Lee, one of our members. We will not receive a grant this year as The Civic League has diverted their grant money to COVID relief. Members are encouraged to donate, as they have in past years, an amount equal to the years they taught or the amount of money you would have spent on meals for the fall meetings. Checks should be made out to C-FB RSPA and sent to Judy Carey. Books that were not delivered in May, 2020, due to COVID, will be delivered as soon as schools will accept them.

Pat Enlow, Legislative Chair, shared the following:

- Early Voting has been extended and is October 13-30.
- HB 25 prohibits single ticket voting. There is not a button you can push to vote a certain party. You must vote each race.
- Voters will be required to wear masks. Poll workers will be wearing PPE and computers will be sanitized after each person votes.
- Polling places will bring a computer to your car if you have certain disabilities such as breathing or mobility problems. Check your county's website for details.
- Some counties allow you to vote at any polling place within the county and others do not. Each county voted on this issue. In Dallas County, you can vote at any polling place during Early Voting and on November 3. In Denton County, you can vote at any polling place during Early Voting, but only at your precinct polling place on November 3. Check your County website for information.
- Because of COVID and HB 25, it may take longer to vote. To avoid long wait times, Pat advises you to vote early (October 13-30), download your Sample Ballot ahead of time, and mark it so that you are prepared to vote quickly. You can take your marked Sample Ballot into the voting booth. Do not download to your phone as you cannot use your phone at a polling place.
- Pat will be sending out more information on the candidates and voting through E-mail Blasts and the Newsletter.

Nichie Hoskins, RSPA member and a Precinct Chair, shared the following:

- There will be signs at polling places with a number you can call to have a computer brought to your car.
- Read the entire ballot as there are referendums at the end of the ballot. Tax referendums will always state that it is a tax increase; however, this may not be the case. Be sure to read and understand it.
- You cannot turn in Ballots by Mail at polling places. There are drop-off places for Ballots by Mail if you do not want to risk mailing them. You must show ID and signatures must match.

Della Swaim adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Della Swaim, President

Date approved

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