

Carrollton- Farmers Branch Retired School Personnel Association

Zoom General Meeting facilitated by Lyn Abercrombie

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Della Swaim, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Della Swaim and Lori Smith introduced Lynn West a new member, who retired in December 2020.

Lori Smith led the pledges to the United States of America and the Texas Flag.

New business: Gretchen Biery shared ideas for volunteering during a pandemic. Others provided suggestions.

Speaker Presentation: Pat Enlow introduced Karen Dawson of Southlake Travel who shared via a PowerPoint, Where *Can You Travel Today?* MS Dawson provided information about current opportunities for travel as related to the COVID-19 restrictions. She pointed out travel trends based on the pandemic: multigenerational travel, small cruises, family travel, social distancing outside, best experiences, long weekends, and private homes. She emphasized the need to check the COVID protocols for travel whether statewide or out of the country since they are still fluctuating at this time. MS Dawson answered specific questions by members.

Committee Reports:

A Stretch Break was provided by Carol Sprawls, Healthy Living Chair.

Member Benefits were provided by Lyn Abercrombie who reminded members of the quarterly \$40.00 health and wellness benefit as a part of the TRS United Health coverage. Members shared their experiences with United Health Care coverage.

Pat Enlow, Legislative Chair, discussed the Day at the Capitol and Red Letter Campaign. She shared the success of the Red Letter Campaign and the informative legislative sessions during the Day at the Capitol. These sessions can be viewed on YouTube. She listed bills that have support and most likely will pass. Pat added the further need for member action as related to a 6% COLA in the House Bill 3214 and Senate Bill 2092. She encouraged members to call their representative and ask them to co-sponsor the HB 3214 bill, so it will move from committee to the calendar.

Pat Enlow reported on the Book Project. The books will be delivered this year to Las Colinas, McCoy and Landry. She will let members know when they can help with the delivery. There will be \$2,000. left in the book fund. Pat drew a name for a gift card, Bob Mora won the gift card. Della announced that the application for a book grant from the Civic League was awarded for \$750.

Della Swaim informed members that the approved Financial Report by Judy Carey and the Minutes by Darcy Perreault are posted online.

Kathy McWhorter, Chair of the Sunshine Committee, appreciated members letting her know about people who need encouragement. She sends get well, thinking of you, encouragement, and sympathy cards.

New Business: Post Pandemic Planning: Della Swaim raised the issue of possible precautions we should implement when we begin meeting in person. Some suggestions were: social distancing, box lunches, vaccinations, and masks. Della stated that further discussion will occur regarding this issue.

Debbie Moss drew names for the Door Prize and Kathy Dawson's gift card. Barbara Gilbert won the Door Prize, a \$20. gift card, and Gretchen Biery won MS Dawson's gift card.

Della Swaim adjourned the meeting at 12:43 PM.

*Darcy Perreault*_____

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

5-6-2021_____

Date Approved

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Della Swaim, President

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