

Carrollton- Farmers Branch Retired School Personnel Association

General Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 15, 2021

President Beth Sargent welcomed members back to in-person meetings and called the meeting to order at 11:18. She then led the pledges.

New business

- President Sargent explained the new business cards that members received today and that Shaima Hakimi ordered them and provided a QR link on our website.
- First Vice-President Shaima Hakimi informed members of the 24 new members since April. She introduced the new members in attendance.
- Beth Sargent stated that the meeting is being recorded via Zoom and will be sent to membership in a few days. She added a special thanks to Gary Schepf, District 10's IT person and Irving's RSPA President, for his assistance in making the Zoom available.
- Beth requested approval of the proposed 2021-2022 budget as members reviewed copies. Linda Tole moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Bill Nitcholas seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Pat Enlow announced legislative bills which passed this summer:
 1. SB 7 issues a 13th check for retirees in January 2022.
 2. HB 5 stipulates funding for check comes from general revenue, not the pension fund.
 3. SB 288 Return to Work bill allows those who retired before Jan 1, 2021, to work unlimited hours per month without penalty.
- Linda Bambina explained details about upcoming "Chocolate Delights" bake sale, on behalf of Debbie Moss.
 - Sign-up sheets were distributed.
 - Bake sale will occur during social time at October meeting.
 - Baked goods will be beautifully packaged in small batches.
 - The proceeds will go to the Texas Retired Teachers' Fund, Helping Hands.

Old Business

- Lee Nitcholas announced the field trip to Globe Life Park is still scheduled for October 27th. Lunch will follow at a Texas Live restaurant. Nitcholas mentioned several possible field trips for this year.

Special Announcements

- Mary Johnson and Jaimie Smith conducted door prize drawings.
- Pastor Paul Cartwright of Webb Chapel Church of Christ welcomed us, extended a message from former pastor, Dr. Bert Alexander.

- Beth paid tribute to Della Swaim with a recitation of the accomplishments she achieved during her four years as president. Della was presented with flowers from her husband, Johnny, as he did four years ago on the first day of her presidency. Beth presented Della with a crystal fruit bowl filled with nostalgic-brand candies from our members.
- Lori Smith and the Lunch Bunch team served lunch.

Speaker and Presentation

Beth Sargent introduced Dr. John Chapman, C-FB ISD Superintendent, who was accompanied by Pam Pena, Dawn Parnell, and Brian Moersch.

Dr. Chapman:

- Shared plans to address academic and social deficiencies due to the pandemic.
 - Detailed a 5-point approach called Five That Drive.
- Distributed materials: Vision 2030 pamphlets and College Career Military Ready fact sheets which he referenced during his speech.
- Invited us to applaud the school board for appropriating funds for pandemic related needs such as technology upgrades and hiring extra personnel, supplemented by an ESSER grant.
- Stated th district hired 204 paraprofessionals and temporary employees.
- Revealed that Bond 2023 is in the works and expected to be on the May 2023 ballot.
- Announced that district is still hiring, and substitute pay is now \$130 per day.
- Invited us to a Holiday Dinner on November 17th at the new Multi-purpose Facility in Irving.

Carol Sprawls led members in a stretch break.

More door prizes were distributed.

Beth Sargent adjourned the meeting at 1:12.

Darcy Perreault

9/30/2021

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Date Approved

Beth Sargent

9/30/2021

Beth Sargent, President

Date Approved