

C-FB RSPA General Meeting

April 24, 2024

Webb Chapel Church of Christ

1345 Webb Chapel Rd, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

10:00-11:00 Members checked in and visited with C-FBISD Board of Trustee and Carrollton City Council candidates for the May 4th election.

President Della Swaim called the meeting to order at 11:02 and noted that the Treasurer's report and Secretary's minutes are posted online.

First Vice President Shaima Hakimi led the pledges and introduced new member Estella Ohm and attendee Jocile Bayh. Hakimi then introduced C-FB board members in attendance, Cassandra Hatfield and Kim Brady.

President Swaim reported on the recent TRTA State Convention and recognized the members who attended. She explained the Convention theme of joy was embedded in the training sessions that members attended, in specific sessions for officer roles, and in other training related to best practices for chapters. Additionally, President Swaim shared that next year TRS Healthcare has dental and vision.

Volunteer Chairperson Kay Edmondson announced our member volunteer hours for last year were 79,000 and, measured in salary, reflected a cost of \$2,370,000.

Chairperson for Metrocrest, Estelle Lara thanked members for the goods and cash donated to Metrocrest and asked members to sign-up today for volunteering at Metrocrest for the summer months.

Second Vice President Pat Enlow and Linda Bambina shared recent progress on the Book Drive. Pat asked for volunteers to help deliver the books to all second grade students in our district on May 8 or 10. Linda is the contact person who will share the final date and contact members about volunteering for distribution. Linda shared the rules for picture taking as books are delivered on campuses. Members are encouraged to donate to the Book Fund the amount representing their years in education or their age.

Shaima Hakimi described cash incentives funded by TRTA for recruiting new members. This month's winner was Sharla Lee.

President Swaim spoke about Kathy Mhorter as Sunshine Chairperson. Della told members to contact Kathy if a member is ill, needs encouragement, or has passed away. Kathy will send a card to express our support or sympathy.

Second Vice President Pat Enlow detailed the times for voting for the May 4 election and encouraged supporting incumbents who voted for our recent COLA. Members can email Pat with any questions about the format of the election.

Beth Sargent and Lee Nitcholas shared information about field trips. Beth noted that members could still attend the May 4 Vintage Railroad event by contacting her. Lee mentioned a trip to the Firehouse Theater will be scheduled this summer and asked for suggestions for future destinations.

Lyn Abercrombie encouraged members to complete the year-end survey that includes a field trip suggestion box that is helpful for planning future destinations.

Chairperson of Healthy Living Carol Sprawls celebrated the success of our WAT participants who walked 11,000 miles and recognized eight of our walkers who achieved the highest number of miles of all state-wide participants.

Second Vice President Pat Enlow introduced Guest Speaker Scott Starnes, Executive Vice President, of Milano Hat Company of Garland, Texas. Mr. Starnes shared the history of the hat company and its growth. He also shared the three main materials that are used in hat production and displayed sample hats. Next he answered questions from members. Milano Hat Company is the official hat company for the Kentucky Derby. Mr. Starnes donated a Kentucky Derby Women's hat to be used to raise funds for our chapter.

