

Carrollton-Farmers Branch RSPA Summer Planning Meeting

June 19, 2024 at Shaima Hakimi's home

President Shaima Hakimi called the meeting to order at 11:24 am. Shaima announced that Pat Enlow will serve as our CFBISD Educational Foundation liaison for this school year. Meeting dates for C-FB RSPA will be September 18, October 16, December 11, February 19, March 26 and May 21. A decision was made to omit the April meeting due to state conference, testing and other conflicts during the month. Metrocrest Food Drive will be the emphasis at the October 16 and March 26 meetings.

The next topic was ID Makeovers for C-FB RSPA members. Shaima has procured a small laminator to make sturdy name tags for members to keep in their possession to wear to meetings and other outings in which we are representing our organization. The consensus was to move forward with this implementation.

HundredX was presented by Shaima as a lucrative way for C-FB RSPA to raise money. Our organization will earn money by reviewing various products and businesses. More details will follow. We have the ability to earn up to \$5,000 in one month.

McWhorter Elementary School will be adopted by C-FB RSPA this school year. Kathy McWhorter reported that the needs of this school are great, and we are encouraged to volunteer in any capacity to assist students and staff. A proposal was made to create a committee as a clearinghouse to help with the needs of campuses.

Terri Lyons will be our newsletter coordinator. Exact due dates for submitted articles will be sent to each board member.

Discussion was held on death announcements of former CFB employees. It was agreed that pictures of the deceased and information about where they worked in CFB should be included. Announcements will be communicated by Shaima..

Shaima reported that she contacted the four members who do not receive our newsletter electronically. All live in Farmers Branch; she will hand deliver newsletters to them instead of mailing to them.

2nd Vice President Kimberly Guinn announced possible programs for the upcoming year. Outdoor Warehouse will be on the calendar for September and Senior Source will provide the speaker for October.

1st Vice President Lynn Scifo led a discussion about food for our meetings. One idea presented was to serve brunch instead of lunch at one meeting. Discussion ensued about the price being charged to purchase a meal. It was suggested the price be raised to \$15 but no decision was made. The cost of the meals helps to cover the \$100 donation given to the church for use of their building at our meetings.

Mary Eisenmann announced that Ellen McLaughlin will co-chair the Retirement Committee with her. A Zoom meeting will be held on Feb 1 or Feb 8 in conjunction with Richardson to present retirement information to potential retirees.

Pat Enlow reported that \$250 was given to new teachers from a random drawing to help with classroom expenditures last August. This effort was in partnership with C-FB RSPA and CFB Educational Foundation. It was decided to give \$225 this year so more new teachers can benefit from this endowment.

Pat Enlow also reported that the book vending machines that are being installed in many CFB schools will need to be restocked. She suggested that C-FB RSPA partner with other organizations to add books to these machines.

A discussion was held about upcoming elections and the best way for our members to meet the candidates. The group felt that the "Meet and Greet" format used in the past has been effective.

Kay Edmondson announced that C-FB RSPA reported 79,000 volunteer hours of community service for 2023. Ways to make members aware of how their service counts should be explored.

Shaima informed the group that the budget cannot be discussed until after the audit has been completed (in July, 2024).

Lee Nitcholas, on behalf of committee members Beth Sargent and Stephanie Johnson, listed places of interest being considered for field trips for the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxwell Kashira

Secretary

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Shaima Hakimi

President

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