

CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019

Following lunch, Della Swaim called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 18, 2019 are posted online.

Della introduced the new committee members: Stefani Johnson, field trips; Shaima Hakimi, Member Benefits; Estelle Lara, Food Pantry Drive for Metrocrest; Lori Smith, 1st Vice President; Darcy Perreault, Secretary; Leta Nelson, Publicity

Old Business: Della and Lee led a discussion about the feasibility of the organization applying for a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit status. Pat made the first motion to not pursue the 501(C)(3) nonprofit status; Lyn seconded the motion. All attendees voted in favor of the motion.

Della facilitated a discussion concerning recruiting new members. Tentative plans are to hold a social activity with new retirees sometime in August or September. Shaima volunteered to check for a meeting place at the ESDC building, and she will manage the Member Directory. Della and Lori will plan a booth at “Learn More Achieve More” C-FB’s teacher training August 7-9. New contact cards will be ordered.

Della gave the Treasurer’s Report. A discussion of financial matters included the correspondence with the Farmers Branch Women’s Club and the financial support from the Civic League, as well as ideas for encouraging our members to submit the yearly dues. A Field Trip Event/ Form will be necessary for all events, including the costs. The form will be available on our website.

Meeting dates were set for 2019-2020: September 18, October 16, December 11, February 19, April 15, May 20. Executive Committee will meet January 15, 2020 and June 17, 2020.

Lyn Abercrombie shared the dates to submit articles for the newsletters: June 30 submission for the summer newsletter; August 30 submission for September newsletter; September 27 submission for October newsletter, Nov. 22 for December newsletter; Jan. 31 submission for February newsletter; April 15 submission for May newsletter.

Lori Smith reported her findings about a caterer for the luncheon and facilitated a discussion. There are 2 options: the Webb Chapel Church woman (Jennifer Rowden) who does their Wednesday night dinners and No Worries Catering. Lori made a motion to arrange 4 lunches served by the Jennifer and 2 lunches served by No Worry Catering. Linda Bambina seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Della thanked Lyn for creating the survey online for membership feedback. Members thought it was beneficial and provided specific feedback. Committee Chairpersons were asked to include members who expressed interest in their committee on the survey as helpers on their committees.

Pat shared possible programs for the coming year. September: Allen area member performing, “Stories Behind the Songs;” February, possible candidate forum for the 2020 elections; other ideas included identity theft prevention.

Beth and Stefani shared field trips that are being planned: September, Texas Center for Proton Therapy in Irving; October, Old Red Museum; November/December, Nativity Display at Latter Day Saints Church; January, Board Game Day; April, Globe Life Park—new Ranger facility; June, Hamm’s Peach Orchard.

Pat reported about the Book Project. In Kathy McWhorter’s name, we donated 7 books to the McWhorter Elementary School and discussed this year’s book delivery and a need for a fourth publicity banner. On May 23, 2019, 2,478 books were delivered to students at McWhorter, Thompson, Freeman, and Stark Elementary schools as part of our Children's Book Project.

Kay Edmondson discussed the reporting of members’ volunteer hours and how to encourage all members to turn in their hours that are reported to the state. One idea is to give members a ticket for the door prize when they turn in their hours.

Debbie Moss requested help in soliciting door prizes. Lori Smith volunteered. Two other members were mentioned and Debbie will contact them.

Lee led a discussion about the new structure of the TRTA State Convention and Rally and a concern from the new TRTA President about blurring students’ faces in pictures that are posted online.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Della Swaim, President

Date Approved