

CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020

Following lunch at the Swaim home, Della Swaim called the meeting to order at 12:28.

Publicity: Della Swaim reported for Leta Nelson. There is a concern about membership based on request by a lawyer who sent local dues to our group. Judy clarified that according to the bylaws, anyone can join, but they must pay both state and local dues to join RSPA. Members held a discussion about this specific issue and the resolution was for Judy to contact this person and explain the by-laws. A further topic of discussion focused on C-FB board members relationship to our group. It was decided that our Publicity chair, Leta Nelson, would forward each of our newsletter to all the school board members. After this, Mary Eisenmann opened a discussion about being open to people being able to attend our meetings without being a member of our group. After discussion, Executive Committee members agreed that this is a part of our policy.

Minutes: Darcy reported that the minutes from June 2019 Executive Committee meeting are posted on our website as well as the monthly meetings.

Book Project Report: Pat Enslow reported on 2019 book project: We delivered 3,334 books to 4 elementary schools. Then she followed with the details for this year's project: cost of books will go from \$1.00 to 1.50 each. There is \$6615.50 in the book fund; There will be \$1800.00 left after 2020's books are delivered to 6 campuses this year: McKamy, McLaughlin, Rainwater, Rosemeade, Kent, and Country Place. McKamy's special education teacher has requested specific board books for the 13 Autistic students on their campus. These books will cost about \$6.00 each. The delivery date for the 6 campuses will be in May, but the specific date will not be determined until March because of the new location of the TLC that is under construction. Pat noted she will need extra volunteer help for the book deliveries this year. Also, she mentioned what a professional and dedicated job that Gail Schwamb does in ordering and sorting all the books for us.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Carey shared copies of the 2019-2020 budget. The current balance as of January 15, 2020 is \$4,877.27. Judy led a discussion concerning line item expenses. Lee Nitcholas and Beth Sargent presented discussion about the field trips' costs, reimbursement procedures for committee members, and whether or not those costs should be reflected as a line item on the budget. It will be taken under consideration to include a field trip line item on future budgets. Della explained our nonprofit designation as 501(c) (4).

Donna Wright was commended for a slide presentation she created and sent to District 10.

Legislative Report: Pat Enslow shared information about the 2020 elections. There are too many local candidates that would need to present their ideas in a timely manner to hold the February Forum during our meeting. So the candidate forum will be during our May meeting, when there will be fewer candidates after the March 3 primary election. Pat also explained the visits to 2 of our current legislators/senators and differences between how they were received when requesting support for WEP and other educational issues. Pat will share resources related to the candidate and other aspects of the

coming election: a spreadsheet of all the candidates in District 10 and their positions or voting record on important legislative issues; and a website on a forum on February 4, 2020 detailing how candidates have voted or will support.

Luncheons: Lori Smith reported on the meals that will be served for the next 3 member meetings.

Meeting Programs:

February 19— Arboretum presentation. Della led a discussion about how much to give as an honorarium to the group. There is money in the VP budget and the consensus was to donate \$50.00.

April 15— possibilities include Lou Dugan from the *Advocate Newspaper* to discuss the nineteen twenties history and possible Silver Sneakers presentation. It was suggested we have the Horse Race to raise money and since it is the month of the Kentucky Derby. Members agreed to have the Horse race as a fundraiser during this meeting.

May 20- Candidate Forum

Community Service: Kay Edmondson stated that 28 members have submitted their volunteer hours for 2019. She reminded us that these are due by January 31.

Healthy Living: Carol Sprawls shared that 32 members have signed up for the Walk Across Texas that starts February 2 and ends March 28. Members asked questions about whether or not they could use other physical activities to count for miles. Carol stated she will check out the rules for WAT. She related information about logging on to one of the two websites: www.walkacrosshealth.org or www.howdyhealth.org Carol also introduced the Go365 program (www.Go365.com) which provides gift cards for certain health activities that members can document on the Silver Sneakers Program for members who have Medicare and TRS supplemental insurance. These members need to first establish a Humana account. Carol led a discussion about the benefits of the program. Shaima Hakimi will research the details of this program and report to the next member meeting on benefits.

Retirement Education: Mary Eisenmann reported on the February 1, 2020 Retirement Seminar to be held in Richardson. She reported that makeup of each seminar is: 1/3 spouses, 1/3 teachers, counselors, and 1/3 support staff. While Mary networked with C-FB publicity personnel, she was able to secure list of 95 names of C-FB people who have registered to attend. Della offered congratulations for adding this important list for recruiting new members for RSPA. Mary also stated that she has recruited some of our members to consolidate materials into folders for those 95 to be given to them on the day of the seminar. Also, a discussion was held concerning the free membership given by C-FB RSPA. It was determined that the best use of the free membership would be to give potential member for the 2020-2021 year a certificate that states that they would receive the free TRTA/C-FB RSPA membership when they attend their first meeting of C-FB RSPA. (Probably after they retire)

Technology: Lyn Abercrombie discussed last year's survey and asked members for suggestions to add or remove certain questions. She asked about the value of keeping the online newsletter and website. Members agreed those are helpful resources. Beth Sargent will help review the field trip list for the annual Member Survey.

TRTA Foundation and Door Prizes: Debby Moss announced that we will be contributing \$250. to the TRTA Foundation this year. Also, she reported that there is an adequate balance in the budget for the door prizes.

Field Trips: **Beth Sargent** shared information about the success of last year's field trips. On September 21, 2019, fourteen people visited the Texas Center for Proton Therapy in Irving. On November 11, 2019 eighteen people visited the Old Red Museum of Dallas. On December 6, eight members viewed the Nativity Display at Latter Day Saints Church. Della Swaim added that the January 10, 2020 Board Game Day was a great success, and the 16 participants would like to be sure the event will be held again next year.

Beth added the upcoming field trips: April 22 will be a visit to the home of the Texas Rangers at Globe Life Park in Arlington and the June 3 visit to Ham's Peach Farm Orchard.

Kathy McWhorter announced that the application for The Civic League Grant Application process is now open and due on 2/26/2020. Della, Pat, and Judy will complete and submit the application.

State Convention: Della led a discussion about the upcoming TRTA State Convention to be held in Corpus Christi on April 6-8. The budget for the event is \$3,500. Our group needs to send 5 members who can also serve as the delegates. The discussion focused on the cost of vehicles, room arrangements and officers who will be attending: Della, Pat, Lee, Lori Smith, and Judy. Della asked for volunteers for the remaining member slot. From those interested, Della held a random drawing of straws, and Beth Sargent won the drawing.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Walk Across Texas: February 2 to March 28.
- Primary Elections: 3/3/20
- 4/6-8: TRTA State Convention
- 4/27: District 10 Spring Leadership Conference
- Member Meetings: **February 19, April 15, May20.**

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

Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Della Swaim, President

Date Approved