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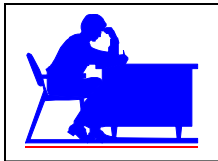


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New Membership Year Begins



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SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

Transylvania County Retired School Personnel will meet September 18, 2008, beginning at 11:30 am at the Holly View Farm picnic shed (off Lyday Loop Road at Penrose). The program portion of the meeting will begin around 12:00 noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and join us! Board members will provide drinks, ice, and eating utensils.

Tom Thomas will speak about his race for NC House seat 113 and Page Lemel will talk about the Educational Foundation. Each speaker has been given 15 minutes on the program.

Newly retired educators will be our guests. If you know of any retirees who are not members please invite them to join us.

Bring Raffle \$\$\$ for great surprises. If you have a raffle item to contribute, drop it in a bag and bring it with you.

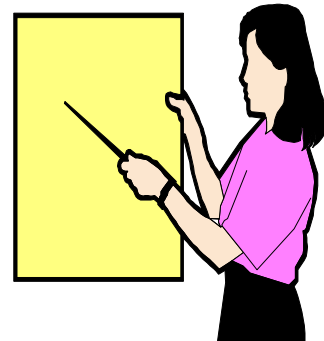
TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Balance

\$1241.41

\$401.50 of that amount is the Fund Raising Account, leaving an operating balance of \$812.91

Please inform Jo Heath of address changes. 877-4771 or james5@citcom.net



Minutes of May Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Pres. John Huggins. Betty Tinsley presented a thoughtful devotion about the treasures within each of us. New retiree Joe Parker and new member Robert Richards were introduced.

Chris Whitmire, an honor graduate of Rosman High School and current member of the Transylvania County School Board, presented an informative program about many issues of interest to our group.

First, the new Mendez program on age appropriate drug awareness and violence prevention curriculum. Each grade will have 10 hours a year in dealing with these problems.

Second, he explained the new teacher housing initiative being developed to provide students with access to “hands-on” field laboratory experience and also provide teacher housing for educators at an affordable price in our local market.

Third, Chris explained how the school system is trying to build the schedules with more flexibility so that students at both high schools have more classes available to them.

Fourth, the Board has approved a retiree pass for all Trans. Co. sporting events. Members were to go to Pisgah Forest Elementary immediately after this meeting ended to have a photo made for this pass.

Committee reports:

Memorials Committee-Sally Baker reported the death of one of our charter members-Margaret Gash.

Scholarship Committee-Barbara Nicholson reported that we now have \$1,035 in our fundraising account from our meeting raffles.

Sunshine Committee reported that Margaret Kilstrom had back surgery and had been sent a card from our membership.

Jo Heath and Vera Taylor prepared a gift from our group to every Trans. Co. employee. A card with a verse and candy attached was delivered to each employee.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Jo Heath, Treasurer, presented her report as follows:

Current balance \$1,731.99 less dues of \$288 and \$773.03 in fundraising monies, leaving an operating balance of \$670.96.

Margaret Kilstrom, Membership Chairman, was unable to attend due to recent surgery. She sent a report that 3 retirees had already joined.

Vera Taylor stated that the last newsletter was her last after 14 years of performing this duty. Linda Weber has agreed to assume this job for the organization. The group gave Vera a round of applause for her outstanding performance. This year Trans. Co. won \$50 at the State Conference for our superior newsletter.

Vera announced the value of an hour of volunteer service is now \$19.41. This makes the years hours worth over \$200,000. She reminded members to record all hours.

Old Business:

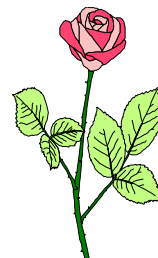
Jo Heath stated that the shut-in and homebound members of TCRSP would be given a floral tribute later this summer. Becky Huggins reported that the water bottles were ready for TC Henderson’s Field Day June 19th.

New Business:

Tom Thomas, candidate for NC House, asked for our support.

Marty Griffin, Vice Pres. Elect, stated all committee chair positions had been filled.

Raffle items for fall meeting: Hilda Edwards, Joan Parsons, Susan Bir, Jo Heath.



A packet of membership materials and a rose were presented to each retiree at the TCAE Banquet by Pres. John Huggins, Sec. Rebecca Huggins, Treas. Jo Heath, and State Pres. Vera Taylor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I am excited about our prospects for the new biennium 2008-2010, which will officially commence on September 18 with our outdoor luncheon at Vera Taylor's farm. New retirees will be our official guests, so please encourage those you know to join us. One of our goals is to increase our membership by 10%. As you know, the personal touch is most effective in persuading retirees to join our ranks, so please do extend an invitation to your friends and acquaintances. We welcome new members for the fun and fellowship they add to our group, but we also use our numbers for political clout. The larger our membership the more effective we are in gaining legislative support. So, please, let's all work on this.

Marty Griffin has been busy lining up noteworthy programs to challenge and to inform us. He has invited Tom Thomas to speak to us in September, and Page Lemel has requested an opportunity during that meeting to review the purposes of the Educational Foundation, of which she is chair. We hope it will not be necessary to cancel any meeting, but if we do get "snowed out," we will not make up that session, just move on to the next one.

Charlotte Galloway has agreed to chair the calling committee for the coming biennium. For that we are grateful, as we are for all those who will be serving as committee chairs. At the suggestion of Marty Griffin, we have asked two members to co-chair each committee, to make it a bit easier, and to ensure that an experienced person will continue with the task when one retires. It is a strategy to develop leadership.

Please keep a record of your community service hours. You will be asked to submit annual totals at the December meeting. This is very, very important. If you are interested in a volunteer project, Dian Brewton has listed these opportunities: tutoring, serving as chaperones on field trips, serving as volunteer coordinator for an elementary, middle or high school, etc. She has also announced that there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Conference at Lake Junaluska in October and could use help in planning the event.

We have some concern about the crowded condition when we meet at the Fish Camp, so we are looking into other venues, and will let you know what we learn.

Should you have suggestions for making our meetings more effective, please share them with us. We want our time to be well spent.

Betty Reed, President

DISTRICT 1, ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 6, 2008

TERRACE HOTEL, LAKE JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration at 9:00 AM

Specific Details about this year's program will be discussed at our Sept. 18th picnic.

Contact Betty Reed to sign up to attend.

TRANSYLVANIA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL GOALS AND PLANS FOR 2008-2009

Goals:

1. Increase membership to meet 10% net growth by recruitment mailings to non-members.
2. Review and expand the database of retirees who have not joined TCRSP.
3. Continue building relationships with the school system through school based projects.
4. Maintain a visibility with active teachers through school projects which encourage active educators to join when they retire.
5. Strive to send delegate quota to the state convention through applying for a District 1 grant.

Projects:

1. Continue recruitment packets and flowers at retiree’s banquet.
2. Continue shut in member contacts with flowers, cards and visits.
3. Continue Field Day water project, 2008-09 at Brevard Elementary.
4. Continue to invite **all** retirees to the Fall Picnic.
5. Continue to do a ‘thank you’ token for each school system employee at the end of the year.
6. Continue the ‘wellness screening’ at the March meeting and assistance with Heart Rehab celebration in cooperation with Transylvania Community Hospital Wellness Department and Auxiliary.
7. Continue and strive to increase participation in school based activities such as regular volunteers, tutoring, judging science fairs, senior projects, test monitors and proctors, et.
8. Strive to get a member to agree to be a school contact person for each school in the county to coordinate the above activities.
9. Continue to improve the newsletter.
10. Enlarge the calling committee to involve more members.
11. Continue cooperation and participation with the Superintendent of Schools in the “Thanksgiving Dinner At School” and “Annul School System Update Luncheon”,



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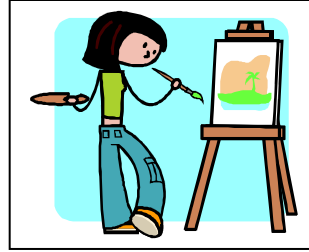
Therman Dockery
Anna Holliday
Mary Lee Moore



District 1 RSP now has a website up and running which will include a page for each local unit in the district. www.ncrsp1.org . Check it out.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION HOURS are due in January. Start to do your summaries so you can send your totals for Education and Other to Vera for the summary report. You may email them to ncaedp@citcom.net or call Vera at 877-4464 after the first of the year.



**Talented
TCRSP
Member!**

Our own Lucy Baker has put her many artistic talents to work for the benefit of Trans. Co. educators once again. This summer she designed a poster welcoming the teachers back and wishing all a great 2008-2009 school year. She assured our educators that NCRSP is working for them and backing their efforts in the schools. She hand delivered the posters to each school as the new school year began. Great work, Lucy!



Membership:

- Each local unit will achieve 10% net growth annually.
- Each local unit will retain at least 90% of the previous year's members after deceased members are subtracted.
- Each local unit will have representation at the State Convention and Leadership Training activities.

Legislation:

- 75% of local units will hold a legislative function either individually or in conjunction with neighboring units or districts.
- 50% of local units will establish a formalized "grassroots political action" network.

Community Service:

- Each local unit will have at least 50% of the membership reporting volunteer hours at the end of the calendar year.
- At least 25% of all hours will be in educational activity.
- 50% of the local units will organize at least one group project in a local school or community endeavor.

Program:

- 70% of the local units will have a regularly published newsletter and continue to use NCRSP logos on communications.
- 50% of local unit meeting programs will directly relate to state program goal areas, such as health and retirement issues, opportunities for community service, etc.
- Each Local Unit President (who does not have a personal email address) will identify for the state office an email contact person to facilitate the dissemination of information and materials.

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