

District 20 Minutes Executive Board Meeting

August 3 ,2107

The TRTA District 20 Executive Board meeting met August 3, 2017, at the Triple C Steak House, Devine, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Barbara Soto. All board members and guests were welcomed. The invocation was given by Kay Below, Retirement Education Chair. Pledges to the flags were led by Gayle Gleeson, Parliamentarian.

President Soto introduced new officers, committee chairs, and local presidents. She reminded each one to sign the attendance sheet and for local unit presidents to select a date for President Soto's annual visit. She complimented all who had turned in name badges from last year to be reused this year.

The Executive Board Minutes from the February 2, 2017, meeting were not available due to the absence of Loretta Carter, District 20 Secretary.

Carolyn Pfeiffer, District 20 Treasurer presented the treasurer's report showing the current balance in the checking S-4 account to be \$2795.55, and the balance in the Regular Share S-1 account to be \$30754.77.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Soto:

--Membership problems = leadership problems; recruitment must be a priority. Currently, there are approximately 82,000 TTA members out of 340,000 retirees. To recruit we must offer protection, respect, bargaining power and support to our members. During the last legislative session, TRTA endorsed the best possible bill of the choices that were available, but limited. Because of our collective voices, the 2017 special legislative session will address some of our concerns. Stay informed and involved through TRTA.

--President Soto also stressed that local units should consider several ideas such as actively involving members, recognizing ordinary members who are not always in areas considered for recognition; be more inclusive and diverse; embrace change that better suits the needs of younger members; use music, drama, laughter, etc. Due to recent changes in medical care, now is the prime time to recruit. Stress that TRTA also provides activities that help our members stay active and healthy.

--Madam President explained that TRTA is a membership non-profit organization which cannot give receipts for donations for IRS tax purposes. TRTF is a non-profit for which receipts for donations for IRS tax purposes can be given.

1st. Vice President Suann Agold:

--Each local unit was represented at the Spring Leadership Development Conference.

-- Discrepancies between state membership numbers and local membership numbers still exist. Local units should continue to work with the State TRTA office concerning this issue.

2nd Vice President Linda Retzloff:

--Book Project numbers continue to decrease. All efforts should be made to increase numbers. Local units were reminded that the Book Project runs from January to the end of December each year.

--Local units were encouraged to publicize the efforts of their units in the areas of scholarships awarded, books donated, and other local activities in order to increase the awareness of TRTA in the community.

Treasurer Carolyn Pfeiffer:

- Presented a packet of updated information including reimbursement voucher information.
- Reimbursements available include: \$100 for officers, chairpersons, and unit presidents; \$300 for units for membership recruitment (\$200 paid in February and \$100 paid in June); and mileage (\$.53 per mile) to board meetings over 70 miles one way, to be paid in February.
- The completion of various new requirements made by TRTA at the state level concerning the way in which district and local units conduct fiscal matters was discussed including the bonding procedure and that the district had received a new tax-exempt number. Local units will receive their new numbers soon provided all appropriate paperwork has been completed and sent to Rosalind Johnson – TRTA state office.

Parliamentarian Gayle Gleeson:

- Correct procedures have been followed.

Historian Francis Rodriguez:

- Absent due to illness. President Soto reminded all units to send local unit activities electronically to Frances or Harold Black, Technology Chair.
- Hard copy scrapbooks will again be displayed at the state convention.

REPORTS DISTRICT CHAIRS

Legislative Ken Hanson:

- Absent due to surgery complications.
- President Soto reported that all emails from Tim Lee be forwarded to local members and be put on local Facebook pages; that we need to communicate healthcare issues with the State Senate members while the legislature is in session and that the State TRTA will provide training sessions concerning health care for members when we know the outcome of the current session.

Informative and Protective Services Jay Zapata:

- Information will be sent to the local IPS chairs and the unit presidents.
- Important to forward this information to local members.

Member Benefits Sheerie Keese:

- AMBA may host refreshments or meal expenses when invited to attend a local meeting.

Health Care Bill Gleeson:

- Encouraged local units to explore local resources for health-related programs such as local exercise groups, medical services, and other community services.

Retirement Education Kay Below:

- February 15, 2018, is deadline to send retirement education report to her.

Technology Contact Harold Black:

- Encouraged members to recruit friends, children, grandchildren to improve technology skills.
- For local unit directories go to local units.org.

Foundation Liaison Robert Trampota (absent);

- Reported to promote New Teacher Grant Program by placing on local website.

Local Unit Support Liaison Dr. Amy Jo Baker:

--Training Guide for Local Unit Support can be found at trta.org.

LOCAL UNIT PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Local unit presidents reported on events/programs that have occurred in the Spring and plans for the Fall. Information shared to retain and recruit members included: selling ads for local unit yearbook and having the business owner as a Continuing Member; school supplies to Girls and Boys Clubs; program by the Director of the Texas Nature and Conservatory; yoga instruction; hosting evening meetings; placing TRTA information in the schools; brunch for new retirees; books given to local Women's shelter, Blue Santa's and Brown Santa's; internet workshops; Bowl-a-thon; meeting held at Kickapoo; assisting Fisher House and Women's Shelters; social security program; and meetings at restaurants. Units not reporting were Del Rio and Randolph Area Retired Educators groups. Units awarding scholarships were Atascosa-McMullen (3), Huajilla (2), San Antonio Area (6), and Uvalde (number not reported).

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President Soto complimented all units for progressive work.

Madam President reviewed the new handbook and discussed each section which included listing of all officers and chairs contact information (asking for and making corrections); TIP SHEET; dates to remember; state by-laws; forms; TRTA Connect and payroll deductions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Audit Report was conducted by Chairman Paul Cwklik, Robert Trampota and Jesse Soto. The books were found to be in good order.

Dr. Charlotte Travis reported that the nominating committee had prepared the following slate of officers for the 2018-2020: President – Suann Agold, First VP - Irene Dubberly, Second VP - Loretta Carter, Secretary – Linda Retzloff, and Treasurer – Carolyn Pfeiffer. These officers will be elected at the Fall Conference in Boerne in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

--President Soto announced that the Executive Board photos had been taken.

--Carolyn Pfeiffer presented the proposed budget for 2017-18. After discussion Sheerie Keese made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Suann Agold and passed.

--Sheerie Keese made a motion that a \$50.00 memorial be made to the TRF in memory of Margaret Wynn, Past District Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed.

--Gayle Gleeson made a motion that a committee be formed to determine which local units might receive additional financial assistance in 2018-19. Motion was seconded and passed.

President Soto announced that the district by-laws needed to be updated to match the newly amended State By-laws. Carolyn Pfeiffer was appointed to make the corrections. Irene Dubberly and Sheerie Keese will proofread and sign as completed and correct.

--TRTA STATE Convention is April 8-10, 2018. President Soto announced that an email had been sent to local presidents listing each unit's assigned committee for the preparation and execution of the 2018

State Convention at the La Cantera Resort in San Antonio. Each committee has received its guidelines as provided by TRTA state office. Items for gift bags are needed. A common identification item of apparel was discussed for each District 20 member to wear. No decision was made concerning this.

--The Annual Fall Conference will be October 26, 2017 at the Cana ballroom, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Boerne, Texas. Deadline for registration is October 6, 2017. Treasurer Pfeiffer reviewed the guidelines and the forms to be completed for preregistration. The following duties were decided: registration- Bandera; greeters – Kendall; vendors, Linda Retzloff; memorial service – Judy Lynn (Northside); decorations – Atascosa-McMullen. New pumpkins are needed for the decorations. President Soto stated that monies were available for pumpkins. Treasurer Carolyn Pfeiffer will assist with registration and the vendors.

It was decided that local legislators were to be invited as guests for the Fall Conference. An email should be sent out by each local unit to each respective legislator informing them of details of the conference, that a written invitation is forthcoming and that each legislator will be recognized at 10 A.M.

Guest speaker or TRTA Representative is the Immediate Past President Fran Plemmons.

IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--Refer to the District Handbook for important dates to remember. Be certain to get photos of the local unit officers and chairs to Historian Frances Rodriguez and Technology Chair Harold Black by October 20, 2017.

--Tim Lee will be the speaker at the North San Antonio RTA meeting on September 13, 2017, at 9:30 AM, San Pedro Presbyterian Church, 14900 San Pedro Ave, SA. All are invited.

--The San Antonio Area RTA will be meeting at the Garden Center on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 1 P.M. TRTA Legislative Consultant Vicki Truitt will be the guest speaker.

President Soto Adjourned the meeting at 2:37 PM.

Minutes submitted by Linda Retzloff due to absence of Loretta Carter, Secretary.

Approved by:

Date:

Dr. Charlotte Travis

Kay Below