NSARTA MINUTES-APRIL 19, 2017

A. Call to order and Welcome: President Paul Cwiklik called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

1. Acknowledgement of new members (0), guests (2), and Hearts of NSARTA (Richard and Brenda Sweet)

2. Recognition of Registrars and Hospitality Committee: Fiesta Theme

3. Invocation: Sarah Villarreal, Chaplain

4. Flag Pledges: Judy Lynn, Immediate Past President

5. Birthday Celebrations

B. Officers Reports:

1. Minutes: Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary - Members reviewed minutes of the March 15, 2017. No corrections being necessary, they were accepted as submitted.

2. Treasurer’s Report: Carolyn Pfeiffer, presented report. No questions being asked, it was accepted and filed for audit. Carolyn also said that we will be needing help for the 2018 TRTA Convention at La Cantera.

3. Registrar: Patricia Loewe reported no new members, two guests, and 41 members present for a total attendance of 43.

4. Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Yates sent out one card to a nonmember.

5. Immediate Past President: Judy Lynn announced that she and Ken were recognized for 53 years of volunteering at NIOSA.

C. Program: Peggy Peterson introduced Don Vinze, Business Development Director from Firstmark Credit Union who spoke to the members about what was going on in the financial world. When asked if the credit union would provide some support towards our 2018 TRTA Convention at La Cantera, Mr. Vinze said he would look into that possibility.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Paul Cwiklik gave a recap of TRTA Convention highlights. He covered the bylaws changes the delegates voted on.

2. Paul reminded prospective attendees of the June 1 District 20 Leadership Training, at 9:30 AM in Floresville. All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend.

F. Committee Reports:

1. Membership/Historian/Yearbook: Harold Black-Dues are DUE!

2. Hospitality: Barbara Rothe, Linda Nolder- Sign-up board for our May Luncheon was on the back table. The program will include a Memorial Day observances highlighted by the playing of Taps by a Southwest High School faculty member.

3. Health Care: Eddy English handed out materials on Life is too Short, Just for Laughs, and a math puzzle.

4. Retirement Education: Georgia Couch (no report)

5. Stitchery Group: Ledru Barker said the group needs volunteers to stuff pillows.

6. Info/Protective Services: Elise Townsend cautioned members to be aware of their surroundings during Fiesta.

7. Children’s Book Drive: Nancy Dooley reported that we have 450 books and need an additional 100+. She is still taking donations at this meeting and at our May Meeting.

8. Member Benefits: Deanna Van Pelt talked about Legislative responses on WEP (Brady, Chairman of the US House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee).

9. Community Volunteer Services: Sue Winebrenner reminded everyone about the importance of volunteering and keeping good records of the time spent.

10. Legislative/Foundation-Carlos Ortiz reported that SB3 on voucher appears to be gone. SB788-Hoffman and Ashby with HB3976 on Healthcare, do not look optimistic now.

G. Our second program was on the Big Read, by Marta, and a discussion followed.

H. Reminders: Membership dues are DUE! Newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 11th, and door prizes were given out.

I. Closing and Adjournment: Paul Cwiklik adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Submitted by,

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