

## NSARTA FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MINUTES

### A. Call to order and welcome by Paul Cwiklik, President.

1. Invocation given by Chaplain Sarah Villarreal
2. Flag pledges led by Immediate Past President Judy Lynn.
3. Acknowledgments of:
  - a. Two new members and 1 visitor.
  - b. Hearts of NSARTA for January were Ledru Barker and Lynn East; for February Lorey Meredith and Eddy English.
  - c. Registrars and Hospitality – Board members provided refreshments.
  - d. Sue Sim made a special presentation of a \$500 check to Passmore Elementary School (NISD) Principal Veronica Arteaga as a Classroom Teachers Grant.
    - (1) The grant is a separate project funded by the NSARTA budget.
    - (2) Also present for the ceremony were Children's Book Drive Co-chairs, Nancy Dooley and Sherlyn Valentin.
    - (3) Dr. Arteaga spoke to members and presented President Paul Cwiklik a school grown basket of food in appreciation for the grant.
  - e. January and February birthdays were celebrated with nine members.

### B. Officer Reports:

1. Recording Secretary Suzanne Sim reviewed the November 2017 minutes with the group, which were accepted with corrections.
2. Treasurer Carolyn Pfeiffer' reviewed the December 2017 and January and February account stats. The report was accepted and filed for audit.
3. Registrar Patricia Loewe reported the meeting attendance.
4. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Yates send out one get-well card.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Program Chair gave an update on the Book Club reading (Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate) and future meet-ups.
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair reminded everyone to pay their dues as early as possible this year.

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C. Program – Part 1: Peggy Peterson and Barbra Rothe joined our guest speaker from Child Advocacy San Antonio (CASA) to share their personal experiences as advocates who serve as “a voice for neglected and abused children.” In and out of the court room, both touching and uplifting, these ladies and others like them are God sent angels for these children in need.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Judy Lynn completed the last sign-ups for the convention registration table.
2. Paul talked about the items needed for the “Goodie Bags” for the convention: need someone to go to Discount Tire stores to ask about donating tire gauges. Items should be bought to the March 21 meeting or to the convention site on Saturday April 7 at 9 AM. Sue Sim is working with Brandeis H NHS sponsor for student volunteers.

E. New Business: Election of Officers for 2018-2020

1. Parliamentarian Glennie Lecoche read the bylaws for the nomination and election of officers.
2. Immediate Past President Judy Lynn conducted the election of officers first by calling for additional nominations from the floor.
3. There being no other nominations from the floor, the current slate of incumbent officers was reelected by unanimous consent to serve for the 2018-2020 term of office.

F. Door prizes were drawn; deadline for the next newsletter was announced as March 8.

G. Program Part 2: Carlos Ortiz walked us through the current political picture before the March primary election that explored what we need to know about issues of interest to retired teachers and how to approach legislators with our own written words to gain their support once elected. We carved out a bit of time to put pen to paper on this one.

H: ADJOURNMENT: Members were free to leave on their own when they had finished gathering information for their proposed letters to their senators/representatives.

Submitted by,

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