

NSARTA MARCH 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. One new member and two visitors.
 - b. Hearts of NSARTA for March were Richard and Diana Sarfin.
 - c. Registrars and Hospitality – Members were asked to sign up to bring April refreshments.
 - d. March birthdays were celebrated with seven members. Members sang “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” in honor of St. Patrick’s Day.

B. Officer Reports:

1. Recording Secretary Suzanne Sim reviewed the February 2018 minutes with the group, which were accepted with corrections.
2. Treasurer Carolyn Pfeiffer reviewed the March account status, which was accepted and filed for audit.
3. Registrar Patricia Loewe reported the meeting attendance.
4. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Yates reviewed recent communications.
5. 2nd Vice President/Program Chair gave an update on the Book Club and future meet-ups. Next month we will have a signup sheet available for the May 2 tour and luncheon at Independence Hill.
6. 1st Vice President/Membership Chair reminded everyone to pay their dues as early as possible this year so that we could have the opportunity to receive an incentive reward from TRTA.

C. Unfinished Business:

1. La Cantera Registration signup sheets were sent around for more volunteers needed for the Monday, April 9 shifts.
2. Volunteers are to meet Saturday April 7th meet in the La Cantera Ballroom at 9 AM to fill 1000 gift bags. Sue Sim contacted Brandeis HS NHS for student volunteers. Any final items for the goodie bags were to be turned in to Paul at the end of the meeting or on Saturday, April 7 at the resort.

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E. New Business: Paul reviewed the proposed TRTA bylaws changes what will be voted on at the Conventions. Members were polled for their preferences as to which proposals should be approved/disapproved. This will help the NSARTA delegates in the voting process.

F. Committee/Activity Reports:

1. Harold Black-1st Vice President asked members to look at their information in the current directory and to send him any necessary changes for the new edition. Although not in the directory, he also asked for any changes in email addresses.
2. Eddy English-Healthy Living, talked about "Not Just the Gym and Standing on One Foot.
3. Elise Townsend- Talked about telephone scams. ~~BEST ADVICE~~ Do not answer the phone.
4. Ledru Baker – asked for fabric and monetary donations needed for the Stitchery group.
5. Sherlyn Valentin - Children's Book Drive presentation will be May 21st at Valley High Elementary. On April 6th there will be a book sale at the Blossom Center (NEISD). Committee members will meet and select gently used books
6. Deanna Van Pelt - Look in your **Voice** for new benefits. Discounts for travel tickets, car rentals, hotels etc., are available to TRTA members.
7. Carolyn Pfeiffer for Janet Pennock - Fill out your forms in the foyer for community volunteer hours.
8. Carlos Ortiz – talked about the importance of voting in April; the history of the TEXAS contributions to Pension Plan; and the lack of a COLA for Texas retirees. He also said that Brian Guthrie is not pleased with the TRS Health Plan-Medicare Advantage.

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

H. Program: Peggy Peterson introduced genealogy speaker Dr. Cynthia M. Kennedy who presented us with different forms of collecting family information. Several handouts were given to our members.

I: ADJOURNMENT: Members were free to leave at the conclusion of the presentation.

Submitted by,

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