NSARTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2019

A. Call to order and Welcome: President Paul Cwiklik called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

1. Opening Honors:
   a. Invocation: Judy Lynn

   B. Pledges were led by Glennie Lecocke and Linda Nolder

2. Acknowledgements:
   a. No new members and one guest.
   b. Recognition of Hearts of NSARTA—Janet Pennock and Pat Loewe
   c. Acknowledgement of hospitality committee for all their hard work especially during the Christmas luncheon. Paul Cwiklik discussed this in his statement in the December minutes.
   d. Six January birthday celebrations.

B. Officer Reports:

1. Minutes: Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary—The November 21, 2018, meeting minutes were approved and filed. On the December 19, 2018, meeting minutes there is one correction: 3.c needs to be changed to 7:00 a.m. Otherwise the minutes are approved.

2. Treasurer’s Report: Carolyn Pfeiffer’s report was approved and filed.

3. Registrar: Pat Loewe stated there were 44 attendees at today’s meeting.

4. Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Yates sent three get well cards the past week.

C. Unfinished Business:

1. Paul Cwiklik reminded members about the convention in Austin on April 1 and 2, 2019, and Rally Day on April 3rd. If members are attending the convention, Paul recommended looking for hotel reservations now. Everyone attending Rally Day will be wearing red.

2. Carolyn Pfeiffer reminded members that if they want to ride the bus to Austin for Rally Day, they must sign up by February 1st.

D. New Business:

1. The Board of Directors at the Executive Board meeting on January 9, 2019, decided that the primary delegates to the convention in Austin in April would be: Paul Cwiklik, Harold Black, Peggy Peterson, and Carlos Ortiz. It was open to the other members who would like to attend the convention in April as the two alternate delegates.
2. The 2020 Convention will be held in Corpus Christi. Paul Cwiklik discussed the proposed TRTA By-Laws amendments.

E. Program:

1. Peggy Peterson introduced People Bingo where all members had so much fun discovering new things about other NSARTA members. Members then divided into groups by birthday months and discussed letter writing to our state representatives and senators about issues concerning retired teachers.

2. Carlos Ortiz gave an example of a letter he wrote to his state representative. The committees that concern retired teachers are: Senate (Education, State Affairs, Finance), House (Appropriations, State Affairs, Pensions, Investments). As soon as Carlos knows which representatives and senators are members of these committees, he will let Betty Moseley know to send us an email.

F. Committee Reports:

1. Healthy Living—Eddy English gave us a list of yearly tests, free articles to take, and told us of some good articles in the AARP magazine.

2. Retirement Education—Bertha Colunga has cards that each member can take with the address and time of NSARTA meetings for each member to use and distribute.

3. Children’s Book Drive—Sherlyn Valentin has a list that members can write down the number of books they give grandchildren or other children during the year.

4. Volunteer Services—Janet Pennock has to have all volunteer hours for last year and has distributed volunteer forms for 2019.

G. Announcements:

1. Hospitality needed members to sign up for February snacks.

2. Carlos Ortiz reminded members if they knew of someone who needed a scholarship or a grant to start applying.

3. Door Prizes were given out, the Newsletter deadline is February 7th, and members sang “Let Me Call You Sweetheart”.

Adjournment at 11:50 A.M. by Paul Cwiklik.