NSARTA September 18, 2019 Program Minutes

A. Call to Order: Paul Cwiklik, President at 10:00a.m.

B. Welcome: Paul Cwiklik, President- Welcomed members and guests to the first program of the 2019-2020 year.

1. Acknowledgements:

   a. Paul acknowledged Susan Agold, TRTA District 20 President and Barbara Soto, TRTA District 20 Immediate Past President and TRTA Organizational Affairs Coordinator/Chair, and those from other area RTUs.

   b. He also had new members (6), and visitors introduce themselves (7) and announced Hearts of NSARTA for September Joyce Gallegos and Mary D. Martinez.

   c. He thanked the registrars for welcoming everyone and the hospitality committee members for table decorations and setting out the refreshments provided by the Board of Directors.

2. Invocation was delivered by Sarah Villarreal, Chaplain.

C. Special Observance in Honor of our Country: Paul Cwiklik, President

1. Presentation of the Colors by the Winston Churchill High School JROTC Color Guard.

2. Flag pledges were led by Judy Lynn, NSARTA Immediate Past President.

3. All present joined in to sing the "Star Spangled Banner"-Pianist, Deanna Van Pelt

4. Retiring of the Colors

5. Acknowledgement of Color Guard Participants: Commander Captain Alan Rosales, Captain Brandon Kwon, Second Lieutenant Sir Laire Dolberry, and First Sergeant Joseph Gonzalez. The students were accompanied by Churchill faculty member Army First Sergeant William Parr to whom President Cwiklik presented a gift of appreciation for their participation.

D. Program Part 1: Peggy Peterson 2nd Vice President introduced our Key-Note Speaker: TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee. Tim went over several issues including our 13th check that was funded by the "Rainy Day Fund". Other discussion items included a new building that the TRS Board Members want to rent or buy. This will be extremely expensive and funded by our annuity fund. He talked about the big push for 100,000 members with the contest to get us excited about finding those new retirees. Other issues were also discussed.

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F. Program Part 2- Greetings and Comments by Suann Agold, President/TRTA District 20- Again discussed the big push for 100,000 TRTA member total this year. All members are invited to the District 20 Fall Conference in Boerne on October 24th. TRTA is calling for updating of local unit Bylaws that need to be voted on by each group in TRTA.

G. Paul introduced the 2019-2010 Board of Directors, Leadership Team.

H. Officers Reports: Refer to the September Newsletter for info.

1. May 2019 Program Minutes: Accepted and filed-Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary.


I. New Business:

1. Adoption of 2019-2020 Budget approved by members-Carolyn Pfeiffer, Treasurer

2. District Fall Convention, Thursday October 24, Boerne, Tx: $20 check or cash to Carolyn today or by the end of September.

3. Proposed Amendment to NSARTA Bylaws- Paul Cwiklik, President. Members adopted the amendments to NSARTA Bylaws after Paul presented an Executive Summary of the changes.

4. Paul discussed a proposed amendment to TRTA Bylaws being introduced by District 12. The proposal would assign all at-large members to their nearest local unit. TRTA membership would become an automatic link-up with a local unit (of choice or TRTA assigned) with a single membership charge shared by TRTA, the respective district, and local unit. This proposal, if it goes forward, will be voted on at the April 2020 TRTA convention in Corpus Christi. After some discussion, members generally agreed that this was a good idea.

J. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Harold Black reported 9 new members have signed up. More members are needed. Talked about 100,000 goal. Took pictures of the new members with the member who got them to join.

2. Programs: Peggy Peterson- October 1st -Stitchery Group, October 2nd at 3-5pm a relaxing get to gather at The Rustic Restaurant/Bar at the Rim. Book Club Nov. (?), Elf Louise 18-19th-Signup on the back table. Also, Dec. 5th for gift wrapping.

3. Children’s Book Drive-NEISD- Sherlyn Valentin- Anyone may join in on this important project.
4. Hospitality- Barbara Rothe/Linda Nolder- Thanked the Board of Directors for our refreshments and signed up volunteers for our October Meeting.

5. Stitchery- Lynn East acknowledged her group and thanked the members who brought needed supplies to help support the group's cause.

6. Retirement Education: Still need to find more women to participate-Bertha Villarreal-Colunga.

K. Special Message: Carlos Ortiz thanked everyone for the letters they wrote to their representatives and senators. This was a tremendous help in gaining the 13th check.


M. Program adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Submitted By

Suzanne Sim

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