

MINUTES OF NSARTA MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

President Paul Cwiklik called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

He acknowledged guests, new members, visitors, and the Hearts of NSARTA (Sue Winebrenner, who has left the San Antonio area, and himself). He also acknowledges the registrars and hospitality committee for a great job in welcoming today's larger than usual crowd. As is customary, we celebrated the birthdays of attendees for the months of July, August, and September.

A special observance in honor of our country was moderated by Paul Cwiklik, President. (1) **Chaplain Sarah Villarreal** led us in the opening prayer. (2) The presentation of the Colors of the United States of America was done by the **Winston Churchill High School JROTC Color Guard**. (3) Our pledges were led by Judy Lynn, Immediate Past President. (4) We all joined in singing the Star-Spangled Banner. (5) Then the Colors were retired. (6) Color Guard participants and their faculty leader were acknowledged and presented with a token of our appreciation.

Our program keynote speaker was **Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA**. The nearly one-hour presentation covered the legislative results of this year's concerns with TRS-Care and the fine-tuning of the details that will follow during the November TRS presentation around the state. Tim was as forthright and dynamic across the broad coverage of TRS -Care and his responses to an extended Q&A session.

OFFICER REPORTS:

(Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary) Minutes the May meeting were reviewed and accepted for file without correction. **(Carolyn Pfeiffer, Treasurer)** The current status report was reviewed, accepted without correction, and filed for audit. **(Registrar Pat Loewe)** Today's attendance was recorded as 126.

Unfinished Business: Paul Cwiklik, President reported on the District 20 Spring Leadership Training at Floresville last June.

New Business: The 2017-2018 budget was presented by treasurer **Carolyn Pfeiffer**, which was discussed briefly and accepted by the members.

The **District 20 Fall Conference is Oct. 26th in Boerne, Texas**. Carolyn was accepting checks and cash of \$20 each at the meeting. Remember any TRTA/NSARTA member can attend. **Cancellation deadline is October 6.**

Paul Cwiklik reported on the first meeting held by the TRTA staff with District 20 presidents on August 31 in preparation for the **April 8-10 TRTA Annual Convention being held in San Antonio**

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at the La Cantera Resort and Spa. NSARTA is responsible for registration duties and the Uvalde Unit is teamed up with us. All District 20 units are expected to contribute items for the “goodie bags.” Paul will have more specifics in the months ahead.

COMMITTEE/ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Membership: Harold Black said that **220 members have paid their dues for this year.** We will print approximately 260 directories in anticipation of gaining additional renewals and new members.

Programs: Peggy Peterson 2nd Vice President gave us an overview of the state legislators who will be visiting us in October and November.

Children’s Book Drive: Sherilyn Valentin reported that last year 259 books were given to students at Passmore Elementary school in NISD.

Notification Committee: (Michele Bibb, Betty Moseley) This committee has been continued, and we are mailing newsletters to those individuals who were on the call list who do not have email addresses.

Hospitality: Barbara Rothe praised all of her workers for a great job done today. She called for volunteers to provide refreshments for the October meeting. Several people signed up.

Announcements: Members who have **not yet RENEWED should do so soon.** **Newsletter** articles need to be in to **Betty Moseley by October 5.** **Door prizes** were awarded. **Barbara Yates** reported that a get-well card was sent to **Adele Murphy.** **Janet Pennock** reminded members to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them in to her.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM by President Paul Cwiklik.

Submitted by

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