

## NSARTA- February 20, 2019 Minutes

### A. Call to Order and Welcome-Paul Cwiklik, President at 10:02 AM

#### 1. Opening Honors

- a. Invocation: Sarah Villarreal, Chaplain
- b. Flag Pledges-
- c. Presidents Day Remembrance- History of President Lincoln, and "Battle Hymn of the Republic",  
- Paul Cwiklik, President

#### 2. Acknowledgements of:

- a. 4 Guests and Hearts of NSARTA for February: Nancy Black and Lou Gibbons
- b. No new members were introduced. Paul thanked Hospitality Group for our refreshments and the registrars for their warm welcoming of attendees.
- c. February Birthdays took their picture with NEISD Staff guests.

### B. Officer Reports:

1. Minutes: Sherlyn Valentine for Sue Sim Recording Secretary, approved and filed (January 16)
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report-Carolyn Pfeiffer, Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit. Carolyn also mentioned that bus seats are available for \$20 for April 3, 2019, Rally Day at the Capital. We will meet at the Walmart at 281 and 1604 on the WESTSIDE of the bldg. by 7am. The bus leaves at 7am.
3. Registrar- Patricia Loewe reported that 37 members were in attendance.
4. Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Yates sent out one get well card.

C. Program-Peggy Peterson, 2nd VP introduced Dr. Brian Gottardy, NEISD Superintendent, and Deb Caldwell, Director of Government Relations and Grant Development, and the New Interim Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ . Topics were on the IDEA Schools and charter schools who are gaining a large number of their students, which is creating a loss of teachers and classrooms in NEISD. This is happening in several ISD'S in San Antonio. Also, money being given by our federal government is not equitable in charter versus public education. 3455 bills were filed by Feb. 15th and NEISD is tracking 450+ that effect the district. Monday, February 25th will be Texas PTA Day at the state Capital. Our Texas Representatives are proposing a 9 billion dollar increase for the state public schools, as the Senate is proposing a 6-billion-dollar increase.

### D. Break

### E. Unfinished Business:

1. Convention updates-The hotel is sold out and TRTA has not secured a 2nd hotel, so we are on our own, if you have not registered yet.
2. NSARTA delegates are President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, and Legislation Rep. Alternate will be Sue Sim, Recording Secretary.
3. Read the **Voice** about the proposed TRTA Bylaws.

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4. A second reminder-If you want to get a seat on the bus, the \$20 is due by the end of February. \$ or check goes to Carolyn Pfeiffer, Treasurer.

### F. New Business-Deadlines

1. Committee Annual Reports were due to the District 20 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Paul Cwiklik, President, said that all committees met the deadline.
2. February 27th- Convention Delegates and Alternate have to be submitted.
3. March 20th: Recommendations for annual Unit Awards are solicited-April exec meeting will look over and vote on recommendations.
4. April sign up for May 1 tour and luncheon at Independence Hill Retirement Resort.
4. May 1st Local Unit Leadership Data for 2019-2020 to TRTA/District 20 due.
5. May 22nd deadline to sign up for Spring Leadership Conference in Floresville on June 6th.
6. February 27th at 2pm at John Michael Library, play about the Holocaust.

### G. Committee/Activity Reports

1. Membership- Harold Black 1st VP-244 members to date.
2. Programs- Peggy Peterson 2nd VP- In March Yvonne Perez, Director of Senior Centers will be our presenter. Investment Rep, Jake Yetterberg, Financial consultant, Chickie from Independent Hill, and Pamela Neal -Haymarket will present in April. May 1st tour of Independent Hill. Books for the Book Club in May and July. Our social hour will be held in the Spring, with more info at our March meeting.
3. Healthy Living- Eddy English gave us handouts on stress, connect the dots, and a puzzle page.
4. Retirement Education: Bertha Colunga said that 15 women met in January.
5. Children's Book Drive-Sherlyn Valentin reported that April 12th is the Booksale at Blossom to select books for Valley High on the 31st of May. 26,138 books were donated last year by TRTA to Texas school children.
6. Community Volunteer Services- Janet Pennock-She reminded us to add our hours to the book in the foyer. Last year's hours have been finalized and sent in.
7. Stitchery-Ledru Barker/Patti Evans said to bring material, or please donate \$, as fiberfill is expensive.
8. Foundation-Carlos Ortiz- Get those letters written to your reps. Map of Capital locations of reps given out. 96 letters were handed to or sent to reps.

H. Announcements: Newsletter Deadline Thursday, March 7th. Door Prizes were given out by Paul Cwiklik, We all sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

- I. Adjournment- 11:445am by Paul Cwiklik, President.

Submitted by

*Suzanne Sim*

Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary