

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Jana Maples.

Good crowd! Jana welcomed everyone with a special welcome back to Joyce Walters and Rob McMahon.

Agenda - moved, seconded and approved with flexibility.

Update on PCTA-PESPA office staff. Charley McClaren will be working in Santa Rosa. Welcome to the new staff:

- Tom Lentz from Polk County
- Don Manley from Pinellas
- Rosemary Scalzo from Pinellas

Beth Premo is glad to have the new team as she has been covering solo. Mike will be serving as both PCTA President and Executive Director for the meantime.

Members Present: Nan Lanham, John Tomlinson, Rob McMahon, Garth Albury, Mary Miskin, Karen Campbell, Terry Plaia, Marlene Brinkley, Dave Byers, Sarah Byers, Allin Turner, Carolyn Underwood, Helen Wanke, Denise Allen, Linda Aston, Marjorie Merrill, Sandy Hammond, Rick Pope, Carole Pope, Kathy Bell, Jana Maples, Sharon Stern, Joyce Walters, Marilyn Warner, Janice Koch, Linda McGeehan, Esther Albertson, Sylvia Macdonald, , Ethelstine Harris, Janice Blaine, Jerree Blanchard (Note* Please print your name on the sign in sheet. The blank space indicates a name that could not be read and there were several names that were signed that may be spelled incorrectly.)

Recommended reading: Reign of Error by Diane Ravitch

Program - presented by Kalia Doner Several members shared their writings with us. They were terrific! You may continue to contact Kalia at kalidoner@gmail.com Jana encouraged us to keep writing, especially teacher/support staff and PCTA/PESPA experiences.

Minutes: It had been reported that Marilyn Warner had reminded us about sending election ballots. Sorry to have misled you...Marilyn was not at the meeting but had asked Jana to remind us for her. Motion was made, seconded, and approved with the clarification noted.

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported on the following:

- Ronald McDonald Dinner on March 30
- Cards for the Ronald McDonald House families were well received and more were requested. We will meet on June 7th from 10:00 to noon in the PCTA-PESPA Boardroom to put together more cards. Gloria will prepare the card kits for assembly.
- Rays Baseball Game June 17 at 7:10 pm. Jana has reserved 25 seat in Section 208. Tickets are \$35 each. Please pay Jana as soon as possible. Tickets will be available for pickup at the next meeting. Also let her know if you wish to meet at Ferg's for dinner prior to the game.

Vice-president Report - Kathy Bell No report.

Treasurer Report - Richard Pope No changes from the last meeting due to the audit.

\$5,462.86 Checking Balance \$23,919.61 Savings Balance Encumbered Balance \$1,970.00 = Total unencumbered \$27,412.47

Membership - Emilie Carter 323 members

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner reported 973 volunteer hours for a yearly total of 12,720. We collected 111 pounds of food for a yearly total of 426 pounds. Allin also reminded us to bring in items for the Silent Auction. If you do not have a nametag please circle your name on the sign in sheet and he will have one for you at the next meeting.

FEA-R President - Marilyn Warner attended the NEA Organizing Conference in San Diego. She was proud to report that our Flea Market project which started in 2005 is now being duplicated in many other areas.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC – Ethelstine reported that the PAC committee met and has endorsed the following candidates in the School Board race: District I dual endorsement for Joanne Lentino and Matthew Douglas Stewart. District IV Eileen M. Long and District V Elesio Santana. Candidates are asking for monetary contributions. Yard signs will be available. On May 2 Helen Wanke will be hosting a Meet and Greet for Joanne Lentino.

PAC donations to assist our delegates total \$251

PEER Scholarship –Terry Plaia reported that the committee met and decided that the PEER scholarship will be awarded to Aaron Carey who has been accepted at John Hopkins University. Aaron’s mother is member Celeste Carey.

Wendy Paser donated a jar of her famous Pepper Jelly for auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

Pipeline – Marty Shapiro is working on the PEER Directory. Please be sure to submit any corrections ASAP. Watch for the Pipeline news to be emailed to your home. Thank you to Marty for his help with the Pipeline/Directory. If you are willing to take over that responsibility please let Jana know.

Flea Market - Linda McGeehan recognized her committee. They need more helpers! The dates are set for August 6 and 13th. The committee will meet on August 4 and 5 for set up. There is very limited storage space. Please ask folks to bring in their donations starting August 4 thru the 6th.

Unfinished Business

- **Ronald McDonald House Dinner** was on March 30. Thank you to everyone who cooked/served the food at the new location. Thanks also to those who donated money to cover the cost of the food.
- **MORE Activity** The group met on April 12 for a luncheon and game social
- **FEA Delegates** Kathy Bell, Carolyn Underwood, Jana Maples, Kathy Schenato and Marilyn Warner
- **FEA R Delegates** Marilyn Warner, Allin Turner, Jana Maples
- **FEA R Local Delegates Elected at the April Meeting** Kathy Bell, Ethelstine Harris, Garth Albury, Kathy Schenato
Alternates Linda Aston, Mary Miskin, Karen Campbell

New Business

Nominations for PEER President and Vice President

President Jana Maples

Vice President Carolyn Underwood

Elections will be held at the May Meeting

- **Baskets for Silent Auction for FEA delegate assembly in October**
Mary Miskin will sponsor a travel basket and Carolyn Underwood volunteered to be the sponsor for a Christmas basket. Donations to them will be very welcome!

Announcements

- **Summer Potluck Luncheon will be held June 20th at Noon at Linda McGeehan’s3098 Roberta St.**
- **Walkers Rising Stars May 9th 7pm at the Mahaffey** Tickets are \$5 available at the Stavros Center
- **Darrell Rouson will be at the GR meeting on 4/18at 5 pm to give his prespective of the 2016 legislative session**

Next Meeting May 16 Light breakfast and Pot Luck luncheon.

Charity Donation for May – Blessing Bags

Adjourn 12:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Gloria Smith, Secretary