

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

April 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by PEER president, Jana Maples. She welcomed everyone. Introduced Gloria's sister, Debbie Ballinger and told Sarah Byers how glad we were to have her back with us.

Members Present: Marshall Koppel, Carolyn Underwood, John Tomlinson, Marjorie Merrill, Terry Plaia, Marilyn Warner, Garth Albury, Gloria Smith, Karen Campbell, Sharon Stern, Sarah Byers, Linda Aston, Sylvia Macdonald, Carole Pope, Richard Pope, Janice Blaine, Janice Koch, Kathy Bell, Ethelstine Harris, Joyce Walters, Linda McGeehan, Allin Turner, Jana Maples, Margie Stonom, Diane Johnson, Kim Shear, Tina Allen

Program: Carolyn Underwood introduced our guest speaker Jerri Paul, Achieva Credit Union, Certified Financial Counselor. Jerri explained the new Achieva Checking Plus Program. The Emerald Program will still be available but will no longer provide interest. If you want to keep the Emerald program you need to notify them by August 1 as everyone who does not opt out of the new Plus program will be automatically enrolled in it. The cost for the new Plus program which includes identity theft protection will be \$6.95. For more information contact Jerri at jpaul@achievacu.com.

Agenda: Motion was made, seconded, and approved with flexibility.

Minutes: Minutes were amended to show Sarah Byers apartment number as 201. Motion was made, seconded, and amended minutes were approved.

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported as follows:

- Raffle tickets for Lifetime members are still available.
- Ronald McDonald dinner will be prepared May 1st.
- Thank you to Carolyn for inviting our guest speaker.
- Beware of information you provide on Facebook and/or on the telephone to prevent identity fraud.
- Thank you to our breakfast providers!
- Watch for the article about Ulysses Floyd in the NEA Today magazine
- Notify Jana if you did not receive the Pipeline (suggestion from the group to use only black ink as it is easier to read).
- Received a card from Ronald McDonald thanking us for the handmade greeting cards
- Suggested reading....Sunday's article in the Tampa Bay Times " Words of Thanks For My Teacher" by Leonard Pitts.
- Jana wrote a grant application for a \$500 NEA grant.
- AFT grant proposals are due by May 15
- PCTA-PESPA Retirement dinner will be held in May. Jana needs volunteers to prepare packets and to be hosts/hostesses at the dinner.

Vice President – Carolyn Underwood No report

Treasurer Report – Richard Pope

Operating Account \$6,278.33 Savings Account \$23,919.61

Membership – Emilie Carter 324

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner Now collecting new or gently used items for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction pay for the classroom grants. We collected 46 pounds of food for the RCS food bank in March for a yearly total of 413 pounds. 390 volunteer hours were reported in March for a yearly total of 8,443 hours. Allin also let us

know that Ruth Eckerd Hall is taking applications for ushers. The application is online until the end of April and the training is in May.

FEA-R President - Marilyn Warner Marilyn reported on the NEA-R Organizing Conference. She will be attending FEA-R Executive Board meeting in Orlando and the NEA Board meeting in Washington DC. Note: Active NEA dues will be increasing.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC Ethelstine Harris reported that the legislative session has begun. Lobbying teams are going to Tallahassee. Several PEER members are scheduled to attend in the next few weeks. She collected \$60 in PAC donations.

PEER Scholarship – Terry Plaia thanked her committee for selecting this year’s recipients. The \$1,000 scholarship went to Joaquin Murphy Ugade from Palm Harbor University HS-IB. His father is Stephen Murphy. The \$750 Dave Byers Memorial Scholarship went to Hannah Deson from St Petersburg HS-IB. Her mother is Michele Deson. Both applications and essays are available to view. If you wish to contribute to the Dave Byers Memorial Scholarship Fund please contact Robin.

Pipeline – Marty Shapiro Please see Jana for any changes that need to be done in the directory.

Flea Market- Linda McGeehan Dates have been set for the new teacher flea market. Set up will be August 3 and 4. The market will be August 5th and August 12th. Linda usually hosts our July summer luncheon. However she is in the process of moving. She is willing to host or help someone else who may have a larger place for our group. More details later.

Unfinished Business

- Announced the elected delegates to FEA-R October 20 at the Rosen Center in Orlando

New Business

- Nominations open for Secretary and Treasurer Richard Pope and Gloria Smith are both term limited for these positions. John Tomlinson was nominated for treasurer. No nomination for secretary at the meeting. Final nominations and the election will be held at the May meeting.

Next Meeting May 15 Items for discussion: Brainstorming for future meeting topics

Elections for secretary, treasurer, and RA delegates.

2017-18 Budget review

Book reviews for summer reading

Luncheon and honoring Dave Byers

Charity Donations for May RCS Food Bank and items for Blessing Bags

Adjourn 12:15

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Smith, Secretary