

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

February 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by PEER president, Jana Maples. She welcomed everyone and said how great it was to see Sarah Byers and Debra Jackson back.

Members Present: Helen Wanke, Karen Campbell, Marjorie Merrill, Jeree Blanchard, Carolyn Underwood, Terry Plaia, Debra Jackson, John Tomlinson, Margie Stonom, Marshall Koppel, Allin Turner, Nancy Cohen, Pat Rinehart, Tina Allen, Rick Pope, Janet Williams, Richard Smith, Marilyn Warner, Janice Koch, Kathy Bell, Gloria Smith, Sharon Stern, JoAnne Wilson, Kay Deegan, Linda McGeegan, Tony Levy, Janice Blaine, Garth Albury, Ethelstine Harris, Sharon Feldhake, Linda Aston, Jana Maples

Program: Carolyn Underwood introduced our guest speaker Amy Bryant, Social Worker and author from Safety Harbor whose topic was Unity Within Diversity. Recommended reading "You Can Go Home Again" Reflections by Amy Bryant. For more information see the following: DancingwordsII@yahoo.com, Amy Bryantauthor.com, and Safetyharborconnect.com

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

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported as follows:

- Donations were collected to cover the Ronald McDonald dinner on May 1
- Jana made team scarves – available for donation
- Nan Lanham is ill and currently residing in Oak Manor Nursing Home. Jana will ask Carol Pope to send a get well card to her.
- Glad to see Karen Campbell here today as she has been ill with pneumonia
- Thank you to the Seminoles for providing breakfast. She reminded everyone who has not signed up for hospitality to please see Karen to add their name for a future meeting.
- Raffle tickets for Lifetime Membership are available for \$2.

Vice President – Carolyn Underwood Thanks to Carolyn for providing the thought provoking/inspirational program by Amy Bryant.

Treasurer Report – Richard Pope

Operating Account \$6,116.33 Savings Account \$23,919.61

Membership – Emilie Carter PEER 322

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner reported we collected 56 pounds of food in January. He reported 1,468 volunteer hours in January for a yearly total of 7,441. Pinellas also received two classroom grants. The winners are Lizi Johnson from Calvin Hunsinger and Michele John from Belcher Elementary. Remember to circle your name on the sign in list if you need a nametag.

FEA-R President - Marilyn Warner FEA-R raffle for Lifetime Membership is available. Each ticket is \$2.00. Marilyn thanked everyone for donations for Blessing Bags to be delivered to Project Hope homeless shelter in Pinellas Park. She reported on the board meeting in Washington, lobbying activities and two important dates: March 15 Postcards to Trump and April 17 Congress calling.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC Ethelstine Harris reported the next GR meeting will be March 6. She collected \$25 in PAC donations.

PEER Scholarship – Terry Plaia thanked the membership for their donations to the scholarship fund. The deadline for applications is 2/27. Her committee will have a short meeting after the March 20th meeting with a longer decision meeting planned for March 27.

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

Flea Mark- 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.

Unfinished Business

- M.O.R.E. training will be held on March 2nd. Carolyn, Jana and Debra will be attending.

New Business

- The group did not respond with much interest in Dr. Seuss Read Across America activities. However, everyone is invited to go to a local school to read. Remember to count those volunteer hours and turn them in to Allin.
- Dinner for the Ronald McDonald House has been changed to May 1st. Preparations start about 3 pm. The address is 401 7th Ave S St. Pete. Cooks, servers, clean up crew and donations are needed! We will be making greeting cards to donate to the Ronald McDonald House right after the PEER meeting adjourns.
- We discussed the county process for retiree teacher recertification. A motion was made, seconded and approved that PEER leadership pursue the concept of retirees' recertification options including county inservice.

Announcements

- Linda McGeegan announced a Flea Market tailgating at St. Dunstan's Church. Flyers were available

Next Meeting March 20

Charity Donations for March Scholarships

Adjourn 11:50

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Smith, Secretary