

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

January 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by PEER president, Jana Maples. She welcomed everyone and wished us a Happy New Year.

Members Present: Marjorie Merrill, Karen Campbell, Nancy Cohen, Nan Lanham, John Tomlinson, Laurie Cottrell, Allin Turner, Garth Albury, Jerree Blanchard, Gloria Smith, Linda Aston, Tina Allen, Janet Williams, Kathy Bell, Tony Levy, Janice Blaine, Marilyn Warner, Sylvia Macdonald, Janice Koch, Donna Skibo, Linda McGeehan, Sharon Stern, Jana Maples.

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

Program: Kalia Doner "Continuing to tell our stories writing projects" We shared our writings and gave them to Jana to add to our previous submissions. Jana is beginning to compile the stories. If you have stories, especially ones related to school or union events, please give them to Jana.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved as amended to correct the typo/spelling of the word join. (We will say that I can spell the word, I just typed in incorrectly!)

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported as follows:

- Donations from the January meeting will go to the Scholarship fund
- Jana made team scarves – available for donation
- Volunteers for the Teacher Helping Teachers Program are still needed
- Thank you to those providing breakfast treats – please sign up for future meetings
- Read Thank You note from the Ronald McDonald House
- Received Christmas Card from AFT
- Will be attending the Presidents meeting on January 26 with Allin and Marilyn
- Legislation reception will held on January 18 at 6 pm. Please call to RSVP ASAP!
- Sad news that Pat Berry, VP of PEER 2004-05, passed away.
- PCTA President Mike Gandolfo's son has been in a serious car accident and is in a trauma unit. Please keep Mike and his family in your thoughts and prayers

Vice President – Carolyn Underwood No Report She is attending the MLK Breakfast/Parade

Treasurer Report – John Tomlinson for Richard Pope Report as of 11/30/16

Operating Account \$6,716.61 Savings Account \$23,919.61

Membership – Emilie Carter PEER 322

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner reported we collected 98 pounds of food in November and 13 plus pounds in December for the RCS Food Pantry. He will have the yearly total for us at next meeting. He reported 2,098 volunteer hours in November for a yearly total of 5,973. Pinellas also received two classroom grants. The winners have not been notified yet but he will be able to announce them at the next meeting. 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 also made up more Blessing Bags to be delivered to Project Hope homeless shelter in Pinellas Park.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC Ethelstine Harris No Report Ethelstine is also attending the MLK Breakfast/Parade

PEER Scholarship – Terry Plaia Terry reported the Scholarship selection process in in progress. Please see her if you wish to join her committee.

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

Flea Mark- Linda McGeehan Linda will notify the PCTA office to let them know that she would appreciate Flea Market donations from teachers who retired in January.

Unfinished Business

- M.O.R.E. training will be held on March 2
- Teachers Helping Teachers See Jana if you can volunteer. May need a Level 2 Clearance.

New Business

- In March we will have an opportunity to participate in Read Across America (Dr. Seuss) activities. Please sign up to read to a class.
- We will be providing dinner for the Ronald McDonald House on February 21. 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 make cards to donate to Ronald McDonald following the February Meeting. Cost \$10 for three cards to keep and as many as you can make to donate.

Announcements

- **Legislative Session starts February 7** Jana provided postcards to send
- **Women's Issues March 1/21 from 12-3 from Demens Landing and 1/20 in Dunedin**

Next Meeting February 20

Charity Donations for February Ronald McDonald Dinner

Gloria Smith, Secretary