

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

March 21, 2016

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

Good crowd! Jana welcomed everyone and a special nod to folks on Spring Break who are "practicing" retirement!

Agenda - moved, seconded and approved with flexibility.

Members Present: John Tomlinson, Mary Miskin, Karen Zwissler, Allin Turner, Jeree Blanchard, Marge Merrill, Ethelstine Harris, Anne Christopher, Dallas Schmike, Karen Bosso, Garth Albury, Dave Byers, Sarah Byers, Rosella Morrissey, Janice Koch, Sandy Hammond, Lisa Aston, Moreland Bollinger, Kathy Bell, Rick Pope, Carole Pope, Lisa Allen, Gloria Smith, Betsy Shreero, Rik McNeill, Sylvia McDonald, Mary Alice Anders, Carolyn Underwood, Terry Plaia, Sharon L. Stern, Wendy Paser, Margie Stonom, Marlene Brinkley, Janice Blaine, Valerie Smith, Linda Koster, Linda McGeehan, Pat Rinehart, Donna Grigas, Jana Maples, Joanne Lentino

Program - presented by Judy Dreher "Human Trafficking" For more information call Be Free at 888-373-7888 or email www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign

Rik McNeill gave us an update on court cases/education. He presented the Five for Change program. For more information go to www.5forchange.org

Minutes Amended and apologies to Valerie Smith whose name was omitted from the February attendance list. Minutes were approved as amended.

Note: Joanne Lentino is running for the District I School Board seat. The election will be on August 30.

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported on the following:

- Ronald McDonald Dinner on March 30
- Ditty Bags for church
- Blessing Bags
- Swedish Prayer Bracelets available for sale for the scholarship fund
- Hillary T-shirts for PAC donation
- AFT meeting for new Retiree Chapters
- Question answered: Will there be yard signs for the Presidential Election? No

Vice-president Report - Kathy Bell Happy Birthday(s) to Jana and Gloria

Treasurer Report - Richard Pope as of February 29, 2016

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

Membership - Emilie Carter 322 members

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner reported 1,217 volunteer hours for a yearly total of 11,818. We collected 67 pounds of food for a yearly total of 315 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 reminded everyone to return their ballots for the upcoming delegate elections by April 2.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC – Welcome back to Ethelstine. She reported that the PAC Committee met on March 15. There are 10 announced candidates for school board. PAC donations total to date \$198.

PEER Scholarship –Terry Plaia She has received six scholarship applications. The committee will meet after the meeting and again on March 28.

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 announced 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. Jana has received \$201 to cover the cost of the food and a donation of cards and stamps for the residents. The Ronald McDonald House always appreciates donations of condiments, paper goods, and fresh fruits.
- **MORE Activity** The PEER calling committee will be meeting soon to plan the next event scheduled for April 12. It will be a lunch social followed by board games and/or Bingo. Please RSVP

New Business

- **Baskets for Silent Auction for FEA delegate assembly in October** – Discussed several options including: All Things Maple, All Things Christmas, Chocolate Martini Basket, Used Book Basket, and Comfort Basket. Mary Miskin and Carolyn Underwood volunteered to be the sponsor for two baskets. Donations to them will be very welcome!

Next Meeting April 18

Charity Donation for April – Silent Auction Baskets

Adjourn 12:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Gloria Smith, Secretary