

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

May 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by FEA R president, Marilyn Warner presiding in Jana Maples absence.

Good crowd! Marilyn welcomed everyone and explained that Jana and Kathy were both out of town.

Agenda - moved, seconded and approved with flexibility.

Members Present Ethelstine Harris, Nan Lanhan, Rik McNeill, Carolyn Underwood, Gloria Smith, Garth Albury, Janice Koch, Nancy Cohen, Carole Pope, Rick Pope, Marilyn Warner, John Tomlinson, Jessie Rose Owens, Linda Proulx, Terry Plaia, Tina Allen, Dallas Schimke, Dave Byers, Sarah Byers, Sylvia Macdonald, Sharon Stern, Ann Christopher, Mary Miskin, Donna Grigas, Karen Bosso, Connie Purdum, Margie Stonom, Esther Albertson, Allin Turner, Joanne Lentino

Program - presented by Rik McNeill Rik gave us an update on the Citizens for Strong Schools vs Florida Board of Education suit. The brief has been submitted and awaiting ruling from Judge Reynolds. Online donations are appreciated – www.5forchange.org.

Program – Beth Primo presented an end of session update via FEA Public Policy Advocacy Department.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved as submitted.

Reports

President - Marilyn reported for Jana on the following:

- Raffle tickets are available for Retiree Membership. The drawing will be held at the FEA DA.
- Please bring in items for the silent auction.
- Children's books have been received, sorted and donated to our identified schools.
- Distributed Devil Rays tickets.
- Requested items for Blessing Bags
- Retirement Celebration will be held 5/18/2016 at 4:30 pm.

Vice-president Report - Kathy Bell No report.

Treasurer Report - Richard Pope No changes from March due to the audit. However, a \$1000 check has been written for the scholarship recipient, Aaron Carey.

\$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 873 volunteer hours for a yearly total of 13,663. We collected 26 pounds of food for a yearly total of 452 pounds. 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 Florida Retired Meeting.

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC – Ethelstine reported that \$52.31 has been raised for PAC donations thanks in part by the raffles for Hillary tee shirts. That brings the total to \$298.

PEER Scholarship –Terry Plaia reported that the scholarship has been awarded to Aaron Carey. The committee already received a thank you note from him. (It is filed with these minutes.)

Pipeline – Marty Shapiro Watch for the next Pipeline which will be going out the end of May.

Flea Market - Carole Pope for Linda McGeehan The Flea Market dates are set for August 6 and 13th. The committee will meet on August 4 and 5 for set up. Usually the committee meets for breakfast at Widow Brown's early on the first set up morning. The restaurant has closed so Linda will be in touch with the new breakfast locale. Also, Linda wanted everyone to know she is again hosting the PEER Summer Social on June 20 starting at noon. The meat and beverage will be provided. Please bring a side dish of dessert to share.

Unfinished Business

- **MORE Activity** Conference call
- **Election of President** Jana Maples and **Vice President** Carolyn Underwood
- Carolyn Underwood announced that the Christmas Basket donation for FEA DA is almost complete.

New Business No new business brought forward

Announcements

- Please remember that our own Joanne Lentino is running for School Board. Donations are appreciated
- Carolyn Underwood requests that you contact her with future PEER Program suggestions
- If you pay PEER dues annually the deadline is August 30
- Please remember donations are always welcome for:
 - Food Bank
 - Blessing Bags
 - Silent Auction items
 - Childrens' Books for FYRE

Next Meeting September 19

Charity Donation for September is the St.Pete HS Devils Closet

Adjourn 11:25

Respectfully Submitted

Gloria Smith, Secretary