

Pinellas Education Employees Retired

November 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by PEER president, Jana Maples. She welcomed everyone and thanked those who provided the breakfast. New retired members were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

Members Present: Marjorie Merrill, Jeree Blanchard, Nan Lanham, Helen Wanke, Carrol Lund, Karen Campbell, Emilie Carter, Marshall Koppel, Mary Miskin, John Tomlinson, Allin Turner, Donna Miller, Kay Deegan, Donna Skibo, Janice Koch, Terry Plaia, Pat Rinehart, Dallas Schimke, Janet Williams, Kathy Bell, Valerie J. Smith, Margie Stonom, Gloria Smith, Janice Blaine, Ethelstine Harris, Linda McGeehan, Rik McNeill, Carole Pope, Joanne Lentino, Lynn Bartlett, Jana Maples

Mike Gandolfo, PCTA President, thanked the group for all their efforts during the election. He reported on the success of the referendum, the election of Joanne Lentino and the passing of the annual contract language. He also thanked everyone for their contributions to the PESPA Toy Drive. And finally, he wished everyone a happy holiday and prosperous new year.

Program: Julie Kessel from the League of Women Voters presented a program on healthcare disparity. She encouraged everyone (men and women) to join the League.

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

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

Reports

President - Jana Maples reported as follows:

- Thank you to Carolyn Underwood for conducting the September meeting
- Thank you to the Florida Gators group who provided the breakfast although we missed their singing!
- Reminded everyone to sign up for future hospitality responsibilities. See Karen Campbell if you have not already signed up
- Thank you to everyone who donated toys or money for the PESPA Toy Drive
- She received a note from Ronald McDonald House for the notations we sent in September. She also thanked Lynn Bartlett for delivering the items. We will be deciding on a date to provide dinner for the families at Ronald McDonald House soon.

Vice President – No Report

Treasurer Report – John Tomlinson for Richard Pope

Operating Account 5,638.27 Savings Account 23,919.61

Membership – Emilie Carter PEER 318 4067 State-wide

District Director/Volunteer Hours/Food Bank – Allin Turner reported we collected 53 pounds of food for the RCS Food Pantry at last meeting for a total of 131 pounds. It was decided that even though we will not have a regular meeting in December the RCS Food Bank would welcome any food donations that we might collect. He will report volunteer hours at the next meeting. Marilyn Warner was re-elected president at the FEA Convention and he also reminded the FEA Convention representatives to turn in their vouchers at the end of the meeting. The application deadline has passed for the FEA-R Classroom grants.

FEA-R President - Marilyn Warner No report

Political Action/PCTA-PESPA PAC Ethelstine Harris

- The referendum passed by 76%
- Congratulations to new school board members Eileen Long and Joanne Lentino

- No PAC collections at this meeting

PEER Scholarship – Terry Plaia

Applications open in January. Please see Terry if you wish to serve on the selection committee...meetings will be brief and few in number!

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

Flea Mark- Linda McGeehan No Report

Unfinished Business

- The Teachers Helping Teacher Committee has identified some needs. Please see Jana if you can assist at Oakhurst, Lakewood Elementary or Tarpon HS. Remember if you wish to volunteer you may need to obtain a Level II clearance.
- In March we will have an opportunity to participate in Read Across America (Dr. Seuss) activities.
- Rik McNeill and his baby granddaughter assistant reported on political activities which included AFT phone banking (2300 calls in less than 2 weeks), sign waving and generous donations of time and money.
- Joanne Lentino thanked the group for our support. She said it was a pleasure to be part of this organization. She would be taking the School Board oath of office on November 21st.

New Business

- Holiday Luncheon December 19th at 11:30 at PCTA. There will be no formal meeting. Meat will be provided for the luncheon, please bring a dish to share plus a \$10 gift to exchange.

Announcements

Next Formal Meeting January 16

Charity Donations for January PEER Scholarship Fund

We experienced a power outage during the meeting so a large part of the meeting was held in the dark! These minutes are submitted by Gloria Smith with “cell phone illumination” thanks to Kathy Bell!

Gloria Smith, Secretary