

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

November 19, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 55 members and guests in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

The invocation was given by Bobby Alexander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Story welcomed new member Pat Milam and guest Kathy Hice. He acknowledged our members who were absent due to illness: Mike Bolek, Ann Fitzgerald and Carolyn Landers.

Justice P. Harris Hines, Supreme Court of Georgia, and former Superior Court Judge of Cobb County was guest speaker. He discussed some of the issues connected with growth. He said that our water war will most likely be resolved in federal court in a couple years. He stated that water resources are going to be the critical issue in the future. Georgia is the 9th most populous state and continues to grow at a rapid rate. Justice Hines said he had tried every kind of case there is from humorous to sad to happy. He reported that nationally there are 600,000 children in foster care and of those 1/3 will be on welfare and 25% will be homeless. In Georgia 50% will be arrested by age 19, 50% of the females will be mothers. Only 20% will receive high school diplomas or equivalence and only 1 in 4 will become self-supporting.

Justice Hines said the single most accurate predictor in crime is whether there is a father in the home. In Fulton County there are 13,000 juvenile cases of which 78% do not know who their father is or where he is. 40% are from unwed mothers. As a result of all these factors the cost will be economically devastating.

Justice Hines gave several very interesting stories of real life cases he has heard over the years on the bench.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruby Lowry reported a balance of \$2242.37. Motion was made by David Hilton with a second to approve the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by David Hilton with a second to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reminder that Wednesday, November 21, 2007 is last day to enroll in insurance plans.

There were still seats available for the trip to Callaway Gardens.

David Hilton and Roswell Story attended the meeting of the county Investments Committee. The fund is around 70% funded. It will have to be about 85% funded in order to give raises. Roswell stated that in order for it to be funded to that level the county will have to put in more money.

The Christmas lunch will be December 19, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. A count of those wishing to attend will be needed no later than December 12.

Motion was made by Ruby Lowry with a second to sponsor Calvary Children's Home by bringing toys appropriate for all ages to the December luncheon. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion was made by Marge Young with a second to elect Roswell Story and David Hilton as Co-presidents for the coming year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ruby Lowry with a second to elect Carl Cannington and John Osborne as Co-Vice-presidents for the coming year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Doris Cassidy with a second to elect Martha Watson as Secretary for the coming year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to elect Ruby Lowry as Treasurer for the coming year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Helen Dodson with a second to elect Judy Clark as Co-Treasurer for the coming year. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Watson