## COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## **MINUTES**

## **September 21, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 95 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:39 A.M.

Invocation was given by Catherine Lambert followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New members David Dodd, Richard A. Gresham and Tom Kirby were welcomed.

President Story reported the following members are sick: Jackie Vann, Lee Moss and Kitty Kile.

PROGRAM: Jim Brown, Atlanta Area Life Settlement Agent, spoke on a program whereby they buy life insurance policies from seniors when they no longer want or need them. The policy must have been owned for at least 2 years. No cash value in the policy is required. A release of doctor's record is required. He stated that historically 89% of life policies lapse. He further stated the settlement pays approximately 3 to 5 times the cash value in a policy.

COBB COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: Tracy Minjauw with Cobb County Human Resources Department presented a handout showing a side-by-side comparison of the 2010 Medical Plan Options. The handout is attached to the original minutes as reference.

Packages will be mailed on October 12, 2009 with enrollment beginning on October 19. Enrollment is required even if keeping the same plan. Enrollment may be done online, through the call center or mailed in the self-addressed envelope that will be provided.

If a person is still employed, they must take the plan offered by their employer and the Cobb County plan becomes secondary. In order to carry dependents, there are requirements that must be met. You may contact CCHRD for information.

The bid for the Medicare Advantage Plan went to Cigna instead of Blue Cross/Blue Shield because the premium with BCBS would increase by 83%. The benefits with

Cigna will be identical to those provided this year. You should check with your doctor to make sure he/she accepts the plan. Drugs under this plan will be administered by Cigna. There will be a 1-800 number for you to call to ask any questions you have.

Dental and vision plans are not administered by Cobb County. Those plans are sponsored by the retirees' association.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was held because of the absence of Ruby Lowry, Treasurer.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried. In August the annual barbeque was held and no official meeting was called.

NAME BADGES: If you have not ordered a name badge or have not received your badge, please see Lynda Edwards.

**RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:** No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: President Story appointed the following to serve as a Nominating Committee for the election to be held next month of officers for 2010. They are as follows: Jo Cunningham, Chairperson; Marti Thrasher; Mike Brice; Kenny King and Martha Watson.

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2009 is the next meeting to be held at 10:30 A.M. at the West Cobb Senior Services Center, Dallas Highway.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary