

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

September 20, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 71 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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

New members welcomed were Nancy Cloyd, Kenneth Hankinson, Kristine Settino and Karen Thorpe.

President Story reported the death of Bob Sutton. He also reported that Harry Ingram is doing better.

Guest Marsha Lake, candidate for State Court Judge was introduced and spoke a few minutes about her candidacy and qualifications. She requested our vote in November.

PROGRAM: Judge Juanita Stedman, Juvenile and Drug Court Judge, was our guest speaker. Judge Stedman gave a very informative description of the work that is being done through Cobb County's Superior and Juvenile Drug Courts. Both the juvenile and adult courts have a high accountability component. The courts work with defendants who are seriously addicted drug users and with their families to help them to become free of drugs and productive members of society. Following an assessment, each person is assigned a therapist who works with the defendant and the family as a unit. Group sessions are a part of the treatment. The accountability component requires they get a high school education or GED. Drug tests are randomly given. Mothers Making a Change is another component that allows a child of the addicted mother to stay in the home if she remains clean. There is a year follow-up to be sure the person stays clean. The programs are funded through local, state and federal funds. They also accept donations of clothing and furniture to be used to assist in placing the person back in the mainstream. One of the participants, Holly, spoke about her experience in the program and how it saved her life. She graduates in September.

MINUTES: Motion was made by David Stone with a second to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was reported that we have a balance on hand of \$2334.77. Motion was made by David Hilton with a second to approve the report. Motion carried. If you haven't paid your dues, please contact Judy Clark, Treasurer.

NAME BADGES: If you have not ordered a name badge or have not received your badge, please see Beth Williams. Badges are \$8.50 each.

RECOGNITIONS: Carl Cannington and the recognition committee are accepting nominations for the Bolek-Strickland Award and the CCREA Friend Award.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: David Stone requested that anyone contact him if there is someone you would like to have speak to us.

FOP ANNUAL STEAK DINNER: All are invited to the FOP Annual Steak Dinner to be held at the FOP Lodge on October 20. Tickets are \$20.00.

FLU SHOTS: Flu shots will be given free to retirees. Check with Cobb County for dates and times.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Election of officers for 2011 will be held in October.

NEXT MEETING: Representatives from Cobb County Human Resources will be at the October meeting to be held on the 18th to discuss enrollment in 2011 insurance. Meeting starts at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Watson, Secretary