

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

March 21, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 57 members present. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Invocation was given by Carl Cannington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Story asked that we remember the family of Wit Carson who passed away on March 20. He also reported the Rolla Green fell but is ok.

PROGRAM: Babe Atkins-Byrne introduced our speaker Pete Brooks, Senior Community Manager with the American Cancer Society. Mr. Brooks expressed the regrets of Bill Hilley who was unable to be with us to speak today.

Mr. Brooks stated that the goals of the ACS is to decrease the mortality rate, reduce incidence rate and improve the quality of life for cancer survivors. One of the tools available is a 24/7 Cancer Information Center. The number is 800 227 2345. The center receives approximately 2500 calls per day.

Not only does the Cancer Society strive to help cancer survivors get well and stay well, they also work to find cures. Information and education is a main emphasis of the ACS. They publish a Cancer Journal for Clinicians, help patients navigate hospitals, operate Hope Lodge for a patient and family member to stay while undergoing treatment. Georgia's facility is located at Emory. Health Coverage Needs Service information is provided online at the Cancer Survivors Network.

Volunteers are needed and there are many opportunities. Programs available are Look Good/Feel better (image issues); Reach to Recovery (coping skills); Road to Recovery (drivers for patients to and from treatments). Additionally there are fund-raising opportunities such as Relay for Life which is scheduled at Jim Miller Park on May 6 this year. Anyone interested may call ACS at 770-429-0089.

Statistics for Cobb County as of 02/28/11 show the ACS has 283 cancer survivors and received 572 service requests. There are approximately 125 newly diagnosed cases each year with 48 classified as under insured or on medicaid. Nationally \$450 million is invested in cancer research with \$14 million invested in Georgia. The ACS also works with local governments as an advocacy group to fight cancer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Judy Clark. As of 02/28/11 we have \$4580.58 in the treasury. Motion was made by David Stone with a second to accept the report. Motion carried. As of 03/21/11 we have 141 paid members and 141 unpaid members. If your e-mail address is new, changed or not on record, please notify Judy Clark at 770-529-0110 or clark0110@bellsouth.net.

MINUTES: Motion was made by David Stone with a second to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2011 meeting after changing the spelling of the name "Pearson" to "Pehrson" who is a member of the Pension Board . Motion carried.

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

CALLING COMMITTEE: President Story reported that e-mail notices will be the primary method of meeting notices. Phone calls will be made only for the months having a lunch included. The dates will also be posted on the website www.ccrea.us.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS: Following the second reading of the By-Laws Amendments, President Story called for discussion and vote. Motion was made by David Stone with a second to adopt the Amendments as proposed. Following discussion, motion carried with 3 opposed. Copies of the By-Laws as Amended will be printed and available at the next meeting. A copy of the By-Laws as Amended will be attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

DUES: The annual dues of \$24 are now due. President Story said to keep in mind that dues are not pro-rated and the total amount of \$24 is due regardless of when a retiree joins.

AUGUST LUNCH: It was decided to continue with barbeque for the August lunch.

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2011 is the next meeting to be held at 10:30 A.M. at the West Cobb Senior Services Center, Dallas Highway. Guest speaker will be Senator Lindsey Tippins.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary