

# **COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES**

**April 18, 2011**

**The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 66 members present. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.**

**Invocation was given by James Daniel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**President Story asked that we remember Ann Fitzgerald who is extremely ill. He also reported the death of Dorothy Barfield who worked for many years with Voters Registration. Those members who are ill are Rolla Green, Edna Merritt and Catherine Lambert who is in Golden Living Rehabilitation Center. Jim Rogers, husband of Joan Rogers also passed away.**

**New members George Hall and Steve Shelton were introduced. Our guest, former Chairman Bill Byrne was also welcomed.**

**PROGRAM: State Senator Lindsey Tippins was guest speaker for the meeting. Sen. Tippins spoke of issues faced by the Legislature during the session this year.**

**Sen. Tippins stated that the only thing mandated by law for the Legislature to do is to approve a budget. This year the General Assembly faced a challenging task because of the economy, however, some recovery is being seen. Medicaid and unemployment are continuing issues affecting the budget.**

**The HOPE Scholarship Program was revamped. By FY2012 the fund will have a \$340 million shortfall. In an effort to save the program changes were made.**

**Alcohol sales on Sunday legislation passed giving local control through referendums in communities.**

**Illegal Immigration legislation was passed which requires e-verification for employers to use in hiring. A guest worker program is included. This legislation awaits the signature of Governor Deal.**

**Legislation allowing clearing of right-of-ways for billboards passed.**

**State Income Tax Reform legislation did not pass but will probably be brought back next session.**

**A special session will be held this summer to re-district Representative and Senate districts in Cobb County and Congressional districts based on the last census.**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: President Story assigned Susan Faulkner to the Recognition Committee.**

**MINUTES: Minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting were printed and given to members present.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Judy Clark. As of 03/31/11 we have \$5051.08 in the treasury. Judy stated that if a member has not received a current membership card to please see her.**

**Motion was made by Lynda Edwards with a second to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**CALLING COMMITTEE/NEXT MEETING: President Story reminded everyone that calls will be made to make reservations for the May cookout meeting. Reservations must be made. The meeting will be on May 16, 2011. Meeting begins at 11:00 A.M.**

**Cobb County Fallen Heroes Recognition sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police will be held at 7:30 P.M on May 5, 2011 in the Downtown Marietta Square. All are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40A.M.**

**Martha Watson, Secretary**