

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

November 21, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 54 members and guests present. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

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

New member Judge Nancy Campbell was introduced.

Joe Groover was added to the list of illnesses.

PROGRAM: The Honorable Kelli Wolk, Judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County was guest speaker. Judge Wolk spoke of the jurisdiction of the Probate Court. The main topics were the Probate of Wills, Guardianships and Conservatorships. Judge Wolk stressed the importance of having not only a Will but also an Advanced Directive (merged with a Living Will) to make certain that end of life decisions are made as desired.

She also discussed Living Trusts where a Trustee manages assets which have been moved into the trust and is no longer yours. This management technique is for property and does not cover any medical healthcare. Testamentary Trusts are given under a Will. One issue with a Trust is that certain properties may not be included in the Trust such as a house or other assets. It is a good idea to continually review the Trust. Joint bank accounts are owned by the person who deposited the money.

An Advanced Directive can determine whether a person is kept alive by artificial means and other end of life medical decisions. A Durable Power of Attorney may give power to someone over property and financial decisions and survives incapacity. Judge Wolk suggested that we write "POA on file" on our insurance cards.

Guardianships are granted by the court when someone is not competent to make decisions. Rights are removed from the person and given to someone else to make decisions.

Wills are probated or proved and become public record. Wills must be proved by witnesses. There is no deadline for offering the Will for probate. Wills may be placed with the Probate Court for safe keeping before death. There is no requirement for a Will to be probated if there is nothing to be transferred, however, it must be filed to go into the information stream.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Clark reported a balance of \$4377.05 as of October 31, 2011. Judy also reminded everyone that it is now time to pay dues for 2012. Motion was made by Rolla Green with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of October 17, 2011 were printed and presented. Motion was made by Bobby Alexander with a second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Story turned the meeting over to Lew Alder, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for the report and nominations.

The following slate of officers for 2012 were nominated by the Committee:

**First Vice President/President Elect: David Stone
Second Vice President: Carl Cannington
Treasurer: Judy Clark
Secretary: Martha Watson**

Nominations from the floor were called for and hearing none the vote was taken on the slate as presented. Motion was made by B.J. Grier with a second to elect the slate as presented. Motion carried.

As a matter of clarification, Mr. Alder explained that per our By-Laws, Roswell Story will serve as President for 2012. David Hilton will become a member of the Advisory Committee.

NEXT MEETING: Since December is our Christmas Social and we do not meet in January, the next regular meeting will be held on February 20, 2012.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: December 19, 2011 will be our annual Christmas luncheon prepared by our members. The time for the luncheon is 11:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY: It was agreed that CCREA will support Cobb Street Ministries and Must Ministries this Christmas. Checks made payable to CCREA and cash will be accepted and split between the two.

DUES: Annual dues for 2012 in the amount of \$24 are due and may be mailed to Judy Clark, Treasurer, 4127 Richardson Farm Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia 30152.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary