

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

April 16, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 68 members and guests present. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

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

Special guests were welcomed: Bill Byrne, Marsha Lake and Tim Lee.

Joe Looper and Doris Cassidy were welcomed back. The following are on the current list of members suffering illness: Walter Cates, Jerry Weaver, Rhotha and Ralph Wheeler, Harry Ingram, Carolyn Landers, David McWhorter, Bob Hightower, Lynn and Arletta Martin.

Sadly President Story reported the deaths of Kendall Nixon, Marion Fowler and John Riley. Information concerning members is posted on www.ccrea.us as soon as possible after receipt of such information and members were urged to check the site for news.

PROGRAM: Dr. Phil Gingrey, Congressman, 11th District of Georgia was guest speaker. He was elected to and has served since 2002 and served on the Energy & Commerce Committee with a post on the Healthcare Sub-Committee. Jurisdiction of this committee covers Medicare/Medicaid. Congressman Gingrey has also served on the House Arms Services Committee. He stated that he believes our government has lost sight of the mission in the war on terror and as a result ground has been lost.

Congressman Gingrey stated the strain on Medicare is going to get tougher. He stated there is a need to strengthen programs for current recipients as well as future recipients. He believes Social Security reform will not occur next year; however, the issue will be addressed.

Congressman Gingrey discussed the current state of healthcare and the problems with “Obamacare”. He believes the requirement under the law to have everyone purchase insurance is unconstitutional and the funding of the law will require more funds to be taken out of Medicare. He believes the Supreme Court will rule the questions raised unconstitutional and that the result will unravel the entire law.

The Buffet Bill that would increase tax rates for the wealthy is being discussed in Congress and will not pass. Instead of the tax increase, Republicans would cut taxes 20% on employers having 500 or fewer employees. This is believed to create more jobs and help the economy.

Congressman Gingrey supports placing a lock box on Social Security Funds. Currently the funds go into the general treasury. The government owes \$3.5 trillion to the fund.

National debt has soared to \$16 trillion since President Obama took office. The amount was \$5 trillion less when President Obama was elected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Clark reported a balance of \$6626.16 as of March 31, 2012. Motion was made by David Stone with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of March 19, 2012 were printed and presented. Motion was made by Becky Williams with a second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

NOTE: Dues are \$24 annually and are due. Anyone who has a phone number change please notify Judy Clark of the change so our callers will have an updated list of members' numbers. Danny Padgett posts notices of meetings on Facebook. Everyone is encouraged to log into www.facebook.com/ccrea.us and click on the “Like” button. This will give you access to information posted about our organization.

Dues checks may be mailed to Judy Clark, Treasurer, 4127 Richardson Farm Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia 30152.

NEXT MEETING: Our May meeting to be held at 11:00 am on May 21, 2012. Our annual cook-out of hot dogs and hamburgers will be at this meeting. Members may bring a guest without charge. Reservations should be made.

POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE: May 17, 2012 on the Marietta Square at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary