

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

June 18, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 72 members present. President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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

Guests attending the meeting were Gene Clark, Bill Byrne and Marcia Lake.

PROGRAM: Guest speaker for the meeting was Dick Yarborough, Syndicated Columnist and writer for *The Marietta Daily Journal*. Mr. Yarborough holds the honor of Most Humorous Column Writer by the Georgia Press Association.

Mr. Yarborough was very humorous and stated he writes so that we hopefully enjoy reading his writings. He also stated that he answers all communications received.

Three major issues are of concern to him this year. One is the proposed resolution in the General Assembly concerning lobbying limitations. He is in favor of limiting lobbying expenditures on members of the House and Senate.

The second issue is Charter Schools. He is against for profit management companies that run charter schools.

The third issue is the upcoming TSPLOST vote. He is opposed to the sales tax increase which would last for 10 years because he believes most increases get extended and never end. He stated there is no provision for maintenance of the projects and taxpayers would have to fund those items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Judy Clark. As of 5/31/12 we have \$6883.66 in the treasury. Motion was made by David Stone with a second to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting were printed and given to members present. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to approve. Motion carried.

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

INSURANCE UPDATE: Tony Hagler, Cobb County Human Resources Director, explained a proposal being presented to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 that will apply to retirees on Medicare. The proposal calls for Cobb County to work with Extend Health, Inc. to offer individual plans to those retirees. They will no longer be covered under the group plan. The county would make a contribution for each individual in the form of a stipend of \$335/month for retiree and \$255/month for spouse which should cover any premium costs and possibly have funds left over. Any monies not used will carry over to the next year. If the proposal passes there will be many informational meetings held to make sure every individual gets the best plan possible.

NEXT MEETING: July 16, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. at West Cobb Senior Center, Dallas Highway.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary