

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

November 19, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 68 members and guests present. President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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

The following are on the current list of members suffering illness: Rolla Green and Joe Looper.

PROGRAM: Judge Jim Bodiford, Cobb Superior Court, was guest speaker. Judge Bodiford began his career as Judge in 1985 as Chief Magistrate. He has served on the bench for 30 years and has presided over many high profile cases one of which was in 1997. Fred Tokars was charged with Malice Murder of his wife, Sarah. He, along with defendants Lawrence and Rower, stood trial for the murder which took place in front of the Tokars children. Tom Charron was the District Attorney who prosecuted the cases. The trial was moved to Walker County, Georgia because of pre-trial publicity and it took 15 days to get a jury.

The jury was sequestered for 44 days in a motel with no phone or television. Tokars was convicted on all counts of Malice Murder. In the second phase of the trial the jury did not give Tokars the death penalty.

Lawrence and Rower were also convicted in separate trials.

Prior to the Murder conviction Fred Tokars was convicted in Federal Court for Racketeering and received a sentence of Life Without Parole. He remains in Federal Prison and is ill and weighs 135 lbs. There will be no appeal and he will remain in prison for the rest of his life.

Judge Bodiford stated a Judge in Georgia cannot overrule a jury sentence. The verdict must be unanimous and no jury verdict may be nullified.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Clark reported a balance of \$5986.08 as of October 31, 2012. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

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INSURANCE: Cobb Human Resources Director Tony Hagler answered questions on the insurance plans for 2013. He stated that anyone having a problem with the Open Enrollment through Extend Health should let him know. He stated that the premiums shown on previous handouts may be different because of premium increases for 2013.

The payments for 2012 will be subject to taxes, however, any being taken from the HRA after the first of the year and any afterward are tax sheltered.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: Our Christmas Social will be held at the Senior Center, 1150 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Georgia on December 17 this year. Reservations are required.

Motion was made by Martha Watson with a second that our charitable donations this year be split between 2 charities. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lynda Edwards with a second to give our donations equally to the Wounded Warriors and to Cobb Family Resources. Motion carried. Cash donations will be taken at the Christmas luncheon as well as checks made payable to CCREA.

BRICK PURCHASE: Motion was made by Babe Atkins-Byrne with a second to purchase a brick in the amount of \$250 on behalf of CCREA to the new senior center. Motion carried.

ELECTION: Lew Alder reported that the Nominating Committee met and agreed on a slate of officers to be presented for vote. He also pointed out that our by-laws provide for the Past President to automatically serve as Executive Director. The First Vice President/President Elect who was elected last year will automatically serve as the incoming President. The President for 2013 as duly elected last year is David Stone.

The slate is therefore presented as follows:

First Vice-President/President Elect: Cindy Ash

Second Vice-President: Carl Cannington

Secretary: Martha Watson

Treasurer: Mike Ball

Nominations from the floor were asked for and there were none. Motion was made individually on each office with a second to elect as presented. Motion carried and Cindy Ash was elected First Vice-President; Carl Cannington was elected Second Vice-President; Martha Watson was elected Secretary and Mike Ball was elected Treasurer. All votes were unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.

Martha Watson, Secretary