

**COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
October 21, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 89 members and guests present. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

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

The following new members were welcomed: Theresa Allen, Carl Rechsteiner, Steve Yarbrough, Scott Chadwick, Steve Goodyear.

PROGRAM: Our speaker for the meeting was Jessica Gill, head of the Cobb County Senior Services Department. Her office is located at the center located on Powder Springs Street, Marietta. Mrs. Gill and her staff focus on healthy aging for Cobb's seniors. She described many of the programs and services offered at the eight (8) service centers that help seniors stay healthy and happy in order to live a better quality of life. In addition to Cobb County residents who are at least 55 years of age, anyone who lives out of Cobb County but is affiliated with Cobb County is eligible for their services.

A new "wellness center" recently opened at the center on Powder Springs Street. A fitness instructor is on site at the Fitness Center from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The center also has a cafe which opens at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast and offers lunch from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Additional services include an art studio, dancing classes, pottery/jewelry classes and many other activities.

Not only are the centers offering various classes and activities, but also provides "Meals on Wheels" for home bound citizens. They serve as a resource for anything dealing with aging such as offering transportation for qualified individuals who need transportation for doctor appointments or shopping. Volunteers are needed to participate in these services.

Mrs. Gill urged everyone to have a flu shot. She also requested that we take advantage of the services offered and for us to be advocates for the programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mike Ball reported a balance of \$5851.06 as of today, October 21, 2013. Motion was made by Danny Padgett with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of September, 2013 were printed and distributed. Motion was made by Danny Padgett with a second to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2013: President Stone reported that the Christmas Social for December 16, 2013 is being sponsored by Houze & Associates and the Dental/Vision Insurance provider. We expect 200 to attend and reservations are needed no later than December 6th. The meal is paid for by our treasury and by the above sponsors. The time for the luncheon is 11:00 A.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lew Alder will be presenting a slate of officers for vote at the November meeting.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Susan Faulkner and the Recognition Committee will meet before the December meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013. Judge Kelli Wolk, Probate Court of Cobb County, will be our guest speaker.

Annual dues of \$24.00 are now due.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary