

**COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, February 17, 2014 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 85+ members and guests present. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Invocation was given by Bill Byrne followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NEW MEMBERS: Judy Solomon, Tom Arnold, Sharon Dorsey, Pam Breeden, Jackie Jones, Jim Schaffer, Jay Stephens and Steve Wallace were welcomed.

ILLNESS: Joe Looper and Cheryl Sullivan our prayers are with you and we wish you well. To our Bereaved members you are in our prayers.

PROGRAM:

CIGNA Representative Marybeth Luptowski was here to answer questions and discuss any concerns the members have. This is for the members 64 and under that has Cigna coverage.

Marybeth said the transition plan in the beginning did not work. Cigna had a volume issue with the plan the volume was much higher and had to hire more people to help with the calls. She apologized on behalf of herself and Cigna for any inconvenience we may have encountered.

She discussed home delivery why it takes longer; express script has to transfer to Cigna. First prescription takes a lot of double checks to make sure the prescription are issued by a physician, you can have your physician electronically email them or you can go on mycigna.com (accept all major credit cards) to order, best to call Cigna first to let them know you are ready to place an order. Contact Cigna if you have further questions or concerns.

Tony Hagler Human Resources Director was in attendant and was asked, was there an approved Ambulance Service? The answer was no.

President Stone discussed the reason former Public Safety Director Jack Forsythe was not on the program. He said there were some concerns about him speaking. Since this was a Public Safety issue with Mr. Forsythe and the County, he did not want it to appear we were taking sides. Roswell Story, Bill Byrne and several members also spoke on the issue and had many concerns and objections.

President asked the members what they wanted to do. The suggestions were to invite the Chairman of the Board Tim Lee, County Manager David Hankerson, and Public Safety Director Sam Heaton to speak. Three motions were brought to the floor for a vote.

1st Motion was to have the current Police Chief speak – **motion failed**

2nd Motion was for the prior Public Safety Director Jack Forsythe speak – **motion failed**

3rd Motion was to invite Chairman Tim Lee and County Manager David Hankerson to come and speak – **motion passed**

President Stone will extend an invitation to Chairman Lee to see if he and the County Manager will attend one of our meetings.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Mike Ball reported a balance of \$6643.83 in the checking account as of February 17, 2014. Motion was made by Roswell Story with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

Mike also reported the cost of the Christmas Luncheon (December 16, 2013) was \$2100.00. A few members had some commits concerning the luncheon.

MINUTES: The minutes of November 18, 2013 were printed and distributed. Motion was made by Roswell Story with a second to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

President Stone spoke briefly on some ideals for our three events for this year:

Cookout in May – “Hawaii attire” (khaki pants and Hawaii shirt)

BBQ - August – “Cowboy attire”

Christmas Social - December – “Christmas Sweater)

Look out for more to come on these events!

President Stone asked who has AT&T or Verizon Service – they are giving a 15% discount. He will check the negotiation on Cobb County Contract to see if Retirees get a 15% discount.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014. Chairman Tim Lee and County Manager David Hankerson will be our guest speakers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.50 A.M

Annual dues of \$24.00 are now due.

NOTE: Please sign in everyone....the count is very important!

(Signup sheets are on the tables)

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!!

Have a blessed day!

JoAnn Mann, Secretary