

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2014

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

Since this is St. Patrick Day the invocation was an “Irish Prayer” read by President Stone followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NEW MEMBERS: Bob Weaver and Gail Downing

SPECIAL GUEST: Scott Tucker candidate for the Western Distribute Commissioner.

ILLNESS and BEREAVEMENT: Our thoughts and prayers go out to all members that are ill at this time and to our bereaved member(s) Winford Eugene Ramer, Jr. (Cobb County Water System retiree) who passed on March 22, 2014, our prayers are with their families. Special prayer goes out to President David Stone wife Ramona, who is having surgery today, keep her in prayer.

PROGRAM: Chairman Tim Lee, County Manager David Hankerson and Director of Public Safety Sam Heaton are our guest speakers. The Chairman spoke on his State of County Address and the Retreat. Want to restore the bus service to West Cobb. Spoke on Light rail, not enough demand for a Light rail. Talked about the Clinic for employees, at this time it’s not offered to retirees. He touch on the Braves coming to Cobb first game in 2017 – will bring in revenue into our County. In Spring State break ground on 75, in 2018 Georgia Department of Transportation will add 2 additional lanes on 75, we have commuters coming into Cobb and leaving Cobb.

They all spoke on Public Safety. Questions were asked from the floor concerning Public Safety. Public Safety is a high priority and has a huge budget and has to be approved. There is a large turn over in the Public Safety Department. Some leave while in training, others transfer to other departments, some retire. Commissioners have approved 40 additional Officers. 37 new cars coming the end of March and additional 30 more in the process.

Spoke briefly on the former Public Safety Director, Jack Forsyth. He was not fired, he quit. He wanted to do things his way.

TREASURER REPORT: Mike Ball reported a balance of \$7675.83 in the checking account as of March 17, 2014. Motion was made with a second to accept the report – motion carried.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mike Ball reported update on Version and AT&T discounts. Version did not know who did the contract for Cobb County waiting to hear from them. He reported AT&T has a Loyalty Plan that gives 20% discount – Smart Phones are already discounted.

President Stone read two thank you notes, one from Cobb County Senior Services (Jessica Gill) and the other from the FOP Lodge 13(Fraternal Order of Police, Cynthia Ash) for the charity donation they received from CCREA to help the needed in Cobb County for Christmas.

Member comments/discussion – Doc Gross brought to the member a concern about our benefits with Cobb County. He felt that Cobb County can stop paying for insurance or anything else that they are contributing to if we don't know our rights. It was subjected that we form a committee first of about 3 or more members that's appointed by the President to meet with a law firm to discuss our rights, as retirees, that can speak for us on our behalf. A motion was made with a second to accept. Motion carried.

President Stone asked those who are on the calling list to check in with Cindy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20p.m.

Don't forget you dues!

Please sign in --- the count and your present is very important.

Have a bless day!

JoAnn Mann, Secretary