

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

September 19, 2016

The monthly meeting of the CCREA was held on Monday September 19, 2016 at the West Cobb Senior Center. Presiding was President David Stone. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. followed by the Invocation by Bobby Alexander, and David led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NEW MEMBERS: none

ILLNESS/DEATH: Rollo and Gail Green both fell and not doing well.

PROGRAM: Bob Bearden introduced Bill NeSmith deputy general counsel for the Georgia State Bar Association. The State Bar is divided into 2 sections: Administrative and office of government council. The office of government council oversees the discipline of members and is not a part of the state government. All practicing attorneys in Georgia must be a member of the State Bar. There are 48,000 Georgia licensed attorneys throughout the world.

The Ga State Bar does not have anything to do with the state bar exam or continuous education that attorneys must have each year. The Bar oversees the discipline and prosecution of lawyers that have charges filed against them by clients.

The biggest complaint against attorneys is that they fail to return calls to clients. Second is due diligence (not doing anything on a case). Some attorneys use client's funds for their own expenses which is not proper or ethical. State Bars handles fee arbitration complaints, this is where attorney charges more than what a client feels was agreed upon. New attorneys pay into a state bar fund for the first 5 years they practice to help cover client costs of attorneys that become disbarred or suspended and have client funds. Any payment is limited to 25,000. When you require an attorney, Mr NeSmith suggested checking out the Ga State Bar to see if the attorney has been disciplined. Also, you might ask if the attorney has malpractice insurance.

We thank Bill NeSmith for coming out to speak with the Cobb County Retiree Employees Association on such short notice.

Cobb County is providing employees and retirees Flu shots on 10/5, 10/11, 10/13 and 10/17. Check the county web site for locations. We will not know if flu shots will be given at the October meeting until the day of.

Lee Moss is the chair of the CCREA election committee, if anyone wants to be on the CCREA board please contact him.

Our next meeting is October 17, 2016. HR will present information on the insurance plans.

November 21 meeting will be Mike Boyce, Cobb Commission chair elect. This will be a great time to come and learn about the chairman elect, and to ask questions.

TREASURER REPORT: As of Sept 19, 2016 we have \$6434.38 in the checking account. A motion was made and second to accept the report. Motion carried

SECRETARY MINUTES: no minutes presented at meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

“Congratulations” to our door prize winner; Yvonne Griffith who selected a gift card to Cracker Barrel.

“PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!”

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:50a.m.