

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2018

The Board meeting of the CCREA was held on January 9, 2018 at Chili's on Highway 41 in Acworth. Present were John Reida, President; Bill Pardue, 1st VP; Bob Beard, 2nd VP; Mike Ball, Treasurer; Joann Mann, Secretary; David Stone, Immediate Past President; Roswell Story, Past President; and Shirley Morrison, Advisor.

Meeting called to order at Noon, January 9, 2018, by President, John Reida

PARTICIPANTS AT MEETINGS:

- 35-50 members @ regular meetings
- 85 members @ Human Resources and Finance meetings
- 120 hamburgers and 80 hot dogs at cookout; cost about \$700
- 120 members @ BBQ; cost about \$1,000 @ \$8.33/ea from Zeigler's
- 120 members @ Christmas party; cost about \$1,700 @ \$14.16/ea from Flavorful Events
(Price break is at 130)

MEETING LOCATION:

Meeting location discussed in view of impending \$200/meeting charge passed by BOC for use of the senior center.

Library staff at Switzer Library has been contacted. The charge for the large meeting room there would be \$25 per use. David Stone expressed concern over being able to use the BBQ equipment at the library. The possibility of finding a facility with cooking facilities was discussed.

As Commissioner Weatherford and Birrell are running for re-election, it was suggested they would be more receptive to hearing about \$ concern of the group.

Bob Beard suggested the Manseur facility may be open to letting the group meet there.

The idea of sponsors was floated as a way to defray expenses... Even for perhaps \$100 of the \$200 fee. Perhaps sponsors could be found for the meal meetings.

Treasurer Mike Ball said group could survive financially at the West Cobb Center for 3-4 years with current bank balance. Suggestion to reserve West Cobb location and brief the members at the February meeting. Possibly move after that. Suggested to ask members for meeting location suggestions. eg. a church.

Suggested may need to consider a day-of-week change.

Parking is a major consideration.

We will stay with the West Cobb Center February – April. Then, will reserve Central Library from May, onward. As May is a meeting with cooking, this will need to be addressed as a possibility.

Mike Ball asked if we want to use the West Cobb Center if the fee is \$100?

Members should be asked their opinions on this.

In the past, the senior center has made our copies (60 copies, per David). Will there be a charge now? Possibly just put agenda up on a screen?

Mike Ball said about 12 copies of the financial reports could be put on the tables.

Town Hall meetings coming up will address this policy. John and Marianne will attend the one at the West Cobb Senior Center.

John proposed reserve the West Cobb Senior Center for the entire year. Then, perhaps move to the Switzer Library.

Discussed which Commissioners might support us.

COMMITTEES:

Roswell reported on types of committees in the past. Roswell will head up the Recognition Committee.

Shirley Morrison had worked with the Calling Committee. All on list have emails except 8 people. JoAnn sends out emails (no calls). Roswell said the personal touch is needed and that emails are not enough. He said many folks don't read emails. John requested Shirley Morrison and JoAnn Mann, Co-Chair the Calling Committee. Shirley accepted.

Melrin Holton, fireman, said he wanted to help the association with the Membership Committee. We will see if he is willing to chair it.

Mike Ball will lead the Website Committee.

MISC:

- Revisited letter to encourage membership distributed by John. Means of distribution to 2,500 retirees was discussed. Possibly email sent out by Tressie Bloodworth.
- John suggested that we have recipients of Club's Christmas donations speak to the members to let them know who they are and what they do.
- Sources of speakers was discussed (judges are good)
- Gift card door prizes... There are 1 left. These will be given out and then it will be determined if this program will continue (\$200 per year)
- Coffee is \$125 per year at the Senior Center
- John to talk to Commissioners Weatherford and Birrell regarding the rent cost

- John to get Tammy Caspersen of IBM/CMAR lined up for a meeting
- John talk to Johnny Barfield about our rent situation
- Who voted for the fees?
- Inform membership of the new fees
- Do any of the members have contacts at a church were we could meet?
- John talk to Tressie to get emails of all 2,500 retirees
- John talk to Tressie regarding our taking part in the retiree meetings at Cobb
- Need to get name tags from Cobb County for the retirees
- John, have Sandy Delves call Bob Beard regarding the program committee
- John follow up with Cobb 365 with Senior Services and Sweetwater Mission with Darlene Duke @ 770-819-0662
- Calling tree... seek volunteers
- John lead prayer at the meeting and have someone lead the pledge
- Consider activities on site and off site... facilities, Safety Village, DOT Traffic Management
- Possibility of a newsletter? Is there any interest here? In past, David would send info to Mike to disseminate the information. Shirley said Sandy Delves is good at this sort of thing. David said this would need to be brought to the membership.
- Bill Pardue will be the temporary Treasurer while Mike Ball is away from May - Sept
- Shirley asked if condolence cards are ever sent out. This hasn't happened in some time
- Any birthdays this month?
- Possible programs...
 - How will the new tax laws affect you?
 - Richard Meeks
- Currently, Mike and David are on the checking account. Suggested that John and Bill be on the account and possibly Dan Streett.
- Next Board meeting in February after the regular member meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Minutes recorded by Marianne Reida