

Henrico Retired School Personnel

Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2001

Present: Marion Yobs, Joann McCabe, Margaret Sadler, Jo Ann Troy, Swift Williams, Elsie Pelfrey, Audrey Batchelder, Dale Waldrop, Thomas Folly, A. P. Hall, Gordon Sandridge, Nancy Harris, Linda MacCleave

Next Meeting: March 20, 2001, Old Holiday Inn (formerly Fanny's) on W. Broad Street

Next Board Meeting: Some time in August

Opening: Swift Williams, president, called a board meeting of the Henrico Retired School Personnel to order at 10:10 on February 6, 2001, in the showroom of Dominion Buick.

Agenda Items

1. June Meeting

After discussion regarding the use of 20-day retirees during SOL testing week, June 4-8, it was decided that the target dates would be June 12 or 14. If conflict occurs, the meeting would be June 19 or 21. Suggestions for speaker: William Leighty, head of VRS; Barry Nash, White House doctor; Mae Lilly Lee; Charles Sydnor; David Martin, Superintendent of Blacksburg Schools; Bill Bosher. Priority: David Martin Location: Joanne Troy passed out a list of possible locations and costs. The board narrowed the choices to The Place at Innsbrook, Ginter Park Woman's Club, Monument Heights Baptist Church, and Imperial Plaza

2. 2001 Retirees-Reception/Tea

After some discussion, it was decided that the reception should be held at a school or church at around 3:30. The meeting should be unstructured with mostly socializing and light snacks. A handout will be provided to the new retirees explaining the goals and benefits of HRSP. Joann McCabe and Linda MacCleave agreed to help in the planning. Other names were given to Swift. After a committee is formed, Swift will plan a meeting.

3. Membership Report

Audrey Batchelder reported that we currently have 477 members. Thirty-five memberships are about to expire. A list was circulated. Board members agreed to call people they knew to remind them to rejoin. Currently, 93 of the members are VRTA members, 38 are District C members, and 91 have e-mail addresses. Contact People for Schools A.P. Hall reported that many schools do not have a contact. Nancy Harris suggested that when a new retiree is invited to join, the inviting member could pay for his or her first year of membership. Contact people should be given a list of new retirees by the end of April.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dale Waldrop reported that we currently have a balance of \$3250.00.

5. With Our Youth Program

Elsie Pelfrey stated that the form for reporting the number of volunteer hours spent with young people would be in the newsletter. Extra forms will be available at the meeting. A door prize will be awarded from the names on the forms. She mentioned that it would be a good idea to submit one of our members to the state. Kirby Nuckols was given as an example of a member who volunteers much of her time for young people.

6. Meetings/Format/Information, etc.

After some discussion, it was suggested that of the three meetings planned each year, two should be mostly social with a speaker and one would be a workshop format with a choice of activities or speakers. Linda MacCleave recommended that at least one meeting should be something of interest to the younger retirees.

7. VRTA

Nancy Harris, who serves as a liaison for the VRTA, reported that tomorrow (February 7) was Lobby Day. Audrey Batchelder handed out the flyer that she had e-mailed to many of the members. The two items that we need to discuss with legislators are:

Under the Governor's proposed budget, if approved, a commission would be created and funded for studying ways to change our VRS from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan. The Virginia Retired Teachers Association and virtually all other VRS retiree groups have consistently opposed these changes as detrimental and dangerous.

The current health insurance credit program for retired teachers (\$75/month) is now fully funded by the state. A change is being proposed in the Governor's budget to require that 50% of this cost be borne by the localities which are already facing a serious revenue shortage. Nancy also reported that the VRTA meeting would be in Blackstone, April 23-24. Our group can send up to 10 delegates (only VRTA members). Brochures for joining VRTA will be at the next meeting.

8. History of HSRP

Elsie Pelfrey was appointed official historian of HSRP. She stated that the 10th anniversary of HSRP was today.

9. Miscellaneous

Linda MacCleave suggested that the HRSP consider having a web site and volunteered to create one. The group agreed that this was a good idea. Elsie will ask her daughter Ann to work on creating a logo for the organization. Linda will work on a format for the site. Information about the cost will be presented at the August Board meeting.

Minutes Submitted by: Linda MacCleave