

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE
RETIREES' CHAPTER
SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (SCTEA-R)
Thursday, May 27, 2010**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ann Osborne, Chair
Cheryl Lopanik Paschal, Chair Elect
J. E. Cox, Immediate Past Chair
Rosetta Givens Mitchell
Rosa Cherry
Dean Flansburg
Jim Kiser
Hazel Adams
Martha White
Joe Schang
Lou Wood

Midlands Technical College
Technical College of the Lowcountry
Florence-Darlington Technical College
Trident Technical College
Williamsburg Technical College
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Technical College System Office
York Technical College
Greenville Technical College
Piedmont Technical College
Tri-County Technical College

ABSENT

Pearl Portwood
Alex Strozier, Fiscal Officer
Betty Dowling
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

Aiken Technical College
Technical College of the Lowcountry
Denmark Technical College
Horry Georgetown Technical College
Central Carolina Technical College
Northeastern Technical College

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Emily Rogers (Academic schedule)

Spartanburg Community College

Welcome and Call To Order

Chair Osborne called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and welcomed Hazel Adams from York Technical College to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair called for approval of the January 28, 2010 minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Chair-elect Cheryl Lopanik Paschal, reporting for the fiscal officer, reported a balance of \$1379.52.

SCTEA President

The Chair reported that Judy Ott continues to have teaching duties on Thursday and cannot attend our meetings. She also noted that the 2011 SCTEA Conference will be held February 17-19 at the Myrtle Beach Hilton.

Legislative Update

Dean Flansburg reported that the addition of 57 million dollars to the insurance fund will allow premiums to remain the same for next year. Also, Dean reported that, pending approval by the Budget and Control Board, retirees are set to receive a 2% raise (or possibly higher since CPI closed at 2.71%).

Old Business

2010 SCTEA Conference Evaluations

The Chair distributed SCTEA session evaluations and attendance records and noted that the three sessions sponsored by the Retirees were well-attended and well-received, the most popular being the session on nutrition.

Retiring South Carolina's Public Workforce for Life (17 attended)

The Employee Insurance Program: An Update (18 attended)

Everybody Eats: Healthy Eating for Better Health and a Longer Life (28 attended)

The Chair indicated that overall attendance at the conference was better than the previous year and the Conference was a success despite budget constraints and the need to operate on a shoe string.

2011 Spring Rally

The Board discussed the following topics related to the Spring Rally:

Location and Date: The Chair has reserved facilities at Midlands Tech for May 12, 2011, as a backup in case plans to have the rally in Charleston do not materialize.

Action: Cancel MTC reservation if Charleston arrangements are finalized. **Ann**

Rosetta Mitchell noted several possible dates when Trident Tech (Building 920), Rivers Avenue Campus, would be available. Cheryl moved that we have the rally on Friday, May 20 in Charleston, and Rosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Catering: Rosetta noted that the contract with the catering service does not allow us to bring in food or beverages. Because of the added expense of having breakfast catered, the Board will consider having only coffee and water when attendees arrive instead of the ample spread usually prepared by Betty Jean Craft. Cost of the luncheon was discussed and the general consensus was that we would need to charge more than a \$5.00 registration fee to help cover the cost of the meal. However, since the caterer's charges are unknown, we will make a final decision when we have more information. Rosetta noted that we can look up prices for Duvall's Catering on the Trident website. Rosa also mentioned that the contract with the caterer is up for renewal and may not remain the same.

Action: Look up Duvall's Catering on Trident website and be ready to discuss at the next meeting: **All**

Lodging: The Chair brought up the need to reserve a block of rooms for the conference at one or more hotels and suggested we reserve rooms (15-20) at two different hotels. Rosetta agreed to make inquiries and bring the names of several possible hotels to the August meeting.

Action: Identify several hotels as possibilities for lodging for rally attendees. **Rosetta**

Theme: The Board discussed the need to have a theme for the rally. Cheryl suggested "Making Dreams a Reality," and Joe suggested "Every Day is Saturday." Rosa suggested that we give more thought to the theme and discuss at the next meeting.

Speakers: Martha White will investigate speakers we might engage on travel including representatives from the Triple A Speaker's Bureau and Carnival Cruises, which is now offering cruises out of Charleston.

Action: Investigate speakers on travel. **Martha**

Schedule: The starting and ending times for the rally were discussed as well as the number of speakers. We had three speakers last year but have had two at other times. Joe will bring copies of last year's rally program to the next meeting so that we can make an informed decision about the schedule.

Action: Distribute last year's rally program at the next meeting. **Joe**

Transition, Passing of the Gavel

The Chair introduced the officers for 2010-2011: Cheryl Lopanik Paschal, Chair; Martha White, Chair Elect; Ann Osborne, Immediate Past Chair; Alex Strozier, Fiscal Officer (continuing); Lou Wood, Recorder. Chair Paschal then thanked outgoing Chair Osborne for her hard work and presented her a gift certificate to Belk from the Board. The Board also thanked Joe Schang for the excellent job he did as recorder in Betty Jean Craft's extended absence.

New Business: None

Comments from the Floor:

Ann reminded members to remember to join SCTEA and to remind college representatives to send out membership information to retirees. Martha White remarked that she has sent out membership information herself. Members also need to get two sets of stamped, addressed envelopes – one for the rally and one for the Grapevine.

In discussing who should write to the Presidents requesting appointments to unfilled positions on the Retirees' Committee, it was noted that the Chair, rather than the Recorder, should write and send the letters on behalf of the Committee.

Host/Hostess for Next Meeting. Not discussed.

Adjournment. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m., and the Board enjoyed a lunch catered by Dish and Design.

Next Meeting: 10:30 a.m., August 26, 2010 (Board Room)

Additional 2010-2011 Meeting Dates

September 30, 2010 (Board Room)
October 28, 2010 (Board Room)
November 18, 2010 (Executive Conference Room)
January 27, 2011 (Board Room)
March 24, 2011 (Board Room)
April 28, 2011 (Board Room)

**Lou Wood,
Recorder**