

Paulding Retired Educators Association Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016
Theme for 2016-17: Reach Out to Make a Difference – Fellowship, Service, Support
GREA President's Project: Ferst Foundation (Providing books for preschool children)

Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge – Don Rauscher **Inspiration** – Christy Loftin

Host/Hostess – Don and Marsha Rauscher

Program: Marcia Bell introduced State GREA President Jesse Hunter who brought greetings from the State level. President Hunter introduced our guest speaker Betsy Wagenhauser, President of the Ferst Foundation. Ms. Wagenhauser shared a video about the importance of reading at an early age. The Ferst Foundation provides books for children birth to five years. She shared that Paulding County had a Community Action Team (CAT) which is headed up by Danielle Stokes and encouraged our members to be involved with this group. Danielle@risingdoughfundraising.com
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Volunteer Opportunity: Susan Lester encouraged members to participate in the Reality Fair at local high schools. This game teaches students the value of money and the importance of budgeting.

Community Outreach: Food items for Paulding Helping Hands

Minutes from the July planning meeting were placed on the tables.

Treasurer's report was on the tables. Balance as of 8/31/16 is \$2422.61. The scholarship fund has \$240.00.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Membership: We need someone to assume the role of membership chairman. Margaret Arnold stated that we have 142 members on our roll but all have not paid dues. We need 21 new members to reach our 10% GREA goal. We currently have 13. She checked to see if everyone is receiving the Calling Post telephone message about our meetings.

Handbook: Retha Tibbitts passed out copies of the new handbook to all who attended.

Newsletter/Website: Send any items to Jeaneen Camp and Connie Tibbitts.

Scrapbook: Betty Vollenweider needs members for this committee and could not attend because of her knee replacement surgery. Send any pictures to Betty for the scrapbook.

Scholarship: Susan Lester and Barbara Cohran composed a letter encouraging donations to the fund. Members may give the letter to family, friends and businesses to request donations. Let Susan and Barbara know if you want to be involved with this committee. Greystone Power has contributed \$200.00.

OTHER ITEMS:

- PREA members voted to accept Helping Hands Paulding, Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, and Paulding Nursing Home Valentine Party as our community outreach projects.
- New members were recognized.
- November 6th is the statewide observance of Georgia Retired Educators Day.
- Door prizes were awarded.
- Rotary Club of Dallas will have a motorcycle run the first weekend in October. Money collected buys dictionaries for all third grade students in Paulding County.
- Our next meeting will be on November 1, 2016 and will be a covered dish luncheon. Dr. Allene Magill and others from PAGE will talk about the school amendment on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria King - Secretary