

Paulding Retired Educator's Association Zoom Meeting Minutes August 18, 2020
GREA Theme for 2020-2021: "Cheering for GREA!"
GREA President JoAnn Tomlinson's Humanitarian Project:
Alzheimer's Association

Call to Order: PREA President Gloria King

Attending Members: Barbara Cohran, Marcia Bell, Laura Weiss, Connie Tibbitts, Beth Black, Margret Arnold, Dinah Hardeman, Betty Vollenweider, Retha Tibbitts, Christy Loftin

Purpose of Meeting: Review and amend the 2020 – 2021 PREA Handbook

- Gloria began the meeting at 10:13 a.m. by discussing current GREA news.
- Dr. William Sloan was reappointed as Executive Director of the Georgia Retired Educators Association for the next 3 years by Governor Brian Kemp.
- For the year 2020-2021, GREA President will once again be Mrs. JoAnn Tomlinson and the motto will continue to be "Cheering for GREA!"
- Due to the current COVID 19 situation, PREA new membership recruitment for GREA distinguished chapter has been reduced to 7%. We currently have 5 new members and we will need 12 additional members. Beth Black volunteered to contact recent retirees to recruit them for membership to GREA and PREA. Barbara Cohran will assist Beth with this project.
- The TRS pension fund has not been altered at this time, guaranteeing continued health care and COLA benefits to all current retirees. However, with the state facing a \$4 billion dollar deficit these matters will continue to be a topic of big concern for Georgia TRS members.
- TRS will be investing 5% of TRS funds in alternative investments.
- The past requirement to have a unit scrapbook has been discontinued. Betty Vollenweider was thanked for her years of hard work and service as the Scrapbook Committee Chair. Betty will continue to do the one page for the GREA scrapbook.
- The following changes were made to the 2020-2021 PREA Standing Committees
 - Finance Committee Chair: Laura Weiss
 - Handbook Committee Chair: Retha Tibbitts
 - Inspiration Committee Chair: Christy Loftin
 - Legislative Committee Chair: Gloria King
 - Membership Committee Chair: Barbra Cohran
 - Newsletter Committee Chair: Jeaneen Camp
 - Website Committee Chair: Connie Tibbitts
 - Nomination Committee Chair: Barbara Cohran
 - Program Committee Chair: Marcia Bell
 - Publicity Committee Chair: Carol Griffith
 - Retirement Committee Chair: Beth Black
 - Scholarship Committee Chair: Susan Lester
 - Memorial Committee Chair: Margaret Arnold

- **Proposed PREA 2020-2021 Meeting Dates, topics, and other important dates:**
 - **Zoom PREA meeting September 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**
 - *GREA Area Leader Liz Bouis will be a presenter.
 - *Republican Jason Anavitarte and Democrat Tianna Smith of Senate District 31 will be invited to share their ideas regarding their views on the current situation in education and the protection of benefits for current and future TRS members. A five-minute time limit was advised.
 - **Retired Educators Day is November 1, 2020**
 - **Zoom meeting November 10, 2020 at 10 a.m.**
 - *Tammy Walker from McKenna Farms
 - **November 21, 2020 Alzheimer's Association Walk**
 - **Zoom or in person meeting January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**
 - *Scholarship recipients
 - **Zoom or in person meeting March 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.**
 - *Brunch if in person meeting
 - *Memorial Service
 - *Mental health services
 - **GREA Cluster Meeting Thursday, April 1, 2021**
 - *Cherokee Country Club
 - Cedartown, Georgia
 - **Annual GREA Meeting May 4-6, 2021**
 - *Augusta, Georgia
 - **Zoom or in person meeting May 2021**
 - *Celebrating with the 2020 Retirees
 - *Date, time, place TBA
- Inspiration will be provided for each meeting will be arranged by Christy Loftin
- Worthy Community Outreach
 - America's Alzheimer's Association
 - Paulding Helping Hands donations of food and money
 - McKenna Farms
 - Paulding County Senior Center donations of food
- The handbook, minutes, and financial updates will be sent out to members via PDF attachments for each meeting by Jeaneen Camp
- A calling post will call will be sent out to advise members on upcoming meetings.
- Gloria King will provide Zoom tutorials for any member that needs assistance.
- Volunteer page will remain in handbook with volunteer hours logged electronically

