

Rutherford County Retired Teachers Association
Minutes of the
October 13, 2020 Meeting

President Elma McKnight called the meeting to order by Zoom at 1:32. A moment of silence was observed and Mary Merrill remembered RCRTA deceased members from 2019-2020.

Darrick Bowman introduced the guest speaker for the October meeting. The speaker was Alan Farley, a former student of Darrick Bowman, and presently in charge of Rutherford County Election Commission. Mr. Farley gave the changes at voting polls for pandemic safety and to make the voting process more efficient for Rutherford County. Mr. Farley noted that voting on the national level is our civic duty but even more important is to vote during local, county, mayoral, and state elections for these elections make greater and immediate impact on our lives. The main message from Mr. Farley was to VOTE!. Mr. Farley entertained a question and answer time from the membership.

President McKnight gave a thank you to Dick Conley for the new update for the RCRTA website.

Treasurer Darrick Bowman gave a budget report for 2020-21 budget. Phyllis Washington made a motion to accept the budget and Diane Mackey seconded.

The RCRTA Executive Board in September had asked Dick Conley to contact the Journey Home and assess the safety of RCRTA volunteering at the Journey Home. It was decided to make a \$100 donation to Journey Home and not volunteer to serve during this pandemic period.

RCRTA has purchased a Zoom license for approximately \$165 . The Zoom can host up to 300 persons with no limited time usage.

President McKnight asked for **Committee Reports:**

Diane Mackey apologized to the Scholarship Committee for omitting the Scholarship report from the 2020-21 yearbook

Mary Merrill reported that Sandra Muggu has been added to the Communication Committee.

Diane Mackey reported that RCRTA has 198 members.

Phyllis Washington reported that Judy Whitehill has accepted the President elect nomination.

Dee Doyle said the Scholarship Committee has received two thank you letters . One thank you letter was from the scholarship recipient was read to the group.

Diane Mackey apologized for some information being left out of the 2020-21 yearbooks but those additions have been added with a sheet insert in the yearbooks.

New Business:

Sara Gannon reported that she has contacted Brian Farley about doing a Virtual Pre-retirement program. For security reasons, Mr. Farley said the state does not use zoom but uses Sisco Web-Ex and will send the log in information to Sara to share for all to assess the virtual meeting in January.

Donna Cotner, has sent information from the state asking anyone interested in running President Elect for the TRTA to get nominations in by December 1.

President McKnight admonished all to STAY MASKED UP AND TO BE SAFE. Dick Conley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Burl Beasley and Chanuto Sourinho.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Johnson, Secretary