

Rutherford County Retired Teachers

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

The zoom meeting for RCRTA was called to order by President Elma McKnight. President McKnight clarified the zoom meeting start time for members. Members can log on to zoom at 1:00 but the meeting officially starts at 1:30. President McKnight read a story entitled, 'Don't Judge Others'. A moment of silence was observed as well as remembrance of deceased RCRTA members.

In observance of Black History Month, Phyllis Washington introduced the February speaker, David C. Howse. Mr. Howse gave reflections and thoughts on race relations, social changes, and present day social issues. Mr. Howse quoted Maya Angelo by saying 'In all my work and all I do, we are more alike than unlike'. Conversations about race differences is yet present and conversations are yet necessary. There was a Q and A time where Mr. Howse answered and responded to conversations.

The minutes from the previous meeting was accepted by Derrick Bowman making a motion to accept the minutes and Diane Mackey seconded the motion.

President McKnight gave a special thank you to Dick Conley for keeping the RCRTA website updated with association agenda, minutes, and events.

Derrick Bowman gave the treasurers report that all bills are up to date with a ending balance of \$7,764.67.

Judy Whitehill announced the tour to MTSU in March has been canceled due to Covid but the tour will be done virtually with the log in information to be sent later. Ms. Whitehill also encouraged members to write thank you notes to our state legislators to send a thank you note for continued support of the Tennessee Retirement system for retired teachers.

A thank you was sent from Donna Cortner to RCRTA for being structured in continuing local meetings and connecting with the State Retired Teachers via zoom.

Sara Gannon reported that she recorded about 120+ attendees participated in the January pre-retirement seminar via zoom, but the state reported from the zoom report that 86 persons attended.

President McKnight encouraged members to do checkups on members by calls or cards to persons that are shut in. President McKnight also encouraged members to sign up to take the covid vaccine.

The March meeting at the Al Gore Research Center will be a virtual tour.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Johnson