



**Carteret County Retired School Personnel
Minutes for November 10, 2020
11:30 a.m., No Name Pizza MHC**

CCRSP met at 11:30 a.m. at No Name Pizza in Morehead City on November 10, 2020, with 11 members present. Those in attendance were Meg Bradford, George Burbella, Jane Burbella, Geraline Castle, Bonnie Ferneau, Becky Lail, June Merrill, Jackie Ramus, Julia Thorn, June Vann, and Jackie Wooten. Becky's husband, Harold Lail, attended as a guest. Prior to the meeting, everybody helped fill 22 baskets with candy for National Education Week.

Call to Order, Welcome, and Thought for the Day

President Meg Bradford called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, emphasizing that Carteret County is the exception in being able to meet in person. Many of the other local units are not meeting at all. She asked the group to think about using Google or Zoom as a meeting platform if the pandemic becomes worse. She recognized Julia Thorn as the Top Volunteer for both our local unit and Region 7B. The Thought for the Day was a catalogue of Meg's humorous reflections on living through COVID-19.

Cares and Concerns

Rita and Charlie Mullins, because of serious health concerns, have moved to Morganton to be near family. Meg Bradford needs our prayers, and Jackie Wooten has lost her brother. Carrie Campen, now residing at Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro, will turn 101 on November 21.

George Burbella mentioned that in settling his father's estate, he found it very difficult to collect from John Hancock and Prudential. Jackie Ramus said that The Hartford paid quickly after her mother's passing. George recently talked with a relative who retired from Merck. That individual expressed reluctance to take any generic drugs because most of them are produced outside of the country where regulations are more relaxed.

Minutes and Financial Report

The minutes for the last in-person meeting, held in March, were posted on the website. Bonnie Ferneau moved, with a second by Jackie Wooten, that the minutes be approved as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Becky Lail reported the following balances as of November 1, 2020:

Checking	\$1,581.94
Share Account	\$58.06
Dollars for Scholars	\$170.00

Becky inquired whether the 3 delegates to the spring convention received their banquet and registration refund.

Committee Reports

NCAE Liaison: June Vann has been unable to contact the President of the Carteret County Association of Educators.

Legislative: Jackie Wooten volunteered to become the new chairperson of the Legislative Committee. Meg reported that the Social Security COLA will be 1.3%. Two Senators are trying to introduce legislation for a 3% increase.

Membership: George Burbella and June Vann are co-chairs of the Membership Committee. Carteret County has 73 members after losing Joyce Light, who has moved to another area. There has been a change in the way cash paying members pay their dues; they are to send their payment to Raleigh instead of giving it to the local treasurer.

Scholarship: Jane Burbella has retired from serving as chair; she is willing to help with devotions. Scholarship recipients in the spring were new recipient Rebecca Bretzke from West Carteret High School, majoring in Elementary Education at Appalachian State University; renewal Maggie Guthrie from East Carteret High School, majoring in Special Education at UNC-W; and renewal Jonathan Merrill from East Carteret High School, majoring in Music Education at University of Mt. Olive.

Meg has someone in mind to serve as Scholarship Chair.

Community Service: Meg encouraged everyone to turn in the Individual Community Service Report. Some of the activities that will count are teaching Sunday School, preparing and delivering care packages, and helping students with homework (even if family). Meg has agreed to serve as Community Service Chair.

Teaching Opportunities

Bonnie Ferneau pointed out 2 opportunities for retirees to help students and beginning teachers:

- NCRSP has sent out information that NC Education Corps is looking for 100+ Corps members to work 15+ hours a week for a living wage paid from Governor Cooper's Emergency Education Relief Fund. Those hired will serve as tutors, mentors, volunteer

coordinators, counselors' aides, and contact tracers. Applications are due by November 22, 2020.

- Delta Kappa Gamma is asking its members to adopt a first- or second-year beginning teacher to give them support and positive reinforcement. The effort is identified as "The Buzzing Bee-Beginning Teachers Excelling."

Unfinished Business

George Burbella talked about the 2021 State Convention scheduled to take place in Greenville in the spring. With COVID still with us, it is quite possible that the convention will not take place. George is concerned that the middle and western parts of North Carolina will say that the east had the opportunity and few attended. Perhaps it would be better to cancel the event now rather than take the "wait and see" approach.

New Business

Due to COVID, no meeting schedule was established during the summer. Those present agreed that we should forgo meeting in December and January and try to come together again in February for an informal meeting. Later on, when conditions improve, we can return to having a guest speaker. Meg will continue sending out her monthly newsletter to keep members connected.

After the meeting, members took the baskets to their cars for delivery to the schools and other locations.