



**Carteret County Retired School Personnel
Betty Huffman Award, Legislative Starlight, Brag Board Award**

**July 9, 2019
Minutes for Carteret County Retired School Personnel**

Call to Order and Cares and Concerns

The July 9, 2019, meeting of CCRSP was called to order by President Cathy Neagle soon after 11:30 a.m., with 14 attending. The meeting was devoted to finalizing plans for the new year 2019-2020. Cathy asked June Merrill to record the minutes. June provided copies of the minutes for June 11, 2019, which will be filed for our record.

Marie Hurst asked how the Retirement Seminar went on May 29th. Cathy reported that she, Meg Bradford, Jane Burbella, and June Merrill attended; Ardith Propst and Anne Upchurch could not be present, but brought cookies and ice.

Cathy thanked the phone tree callers. While making her calls, Gail Barnes learned that Dan McLaughlin, Eva's husband, was in a car accident and is no longer driving. Dan and Eva are in a retirement home in Rose Hill. Cathy received a good report on her biopsy; Yates is still in AFib. Rita Mullins is home and is making progress.

Press Releases

The article on George Burbella being named Member of the Year appeared recently in the News-Times. It was submitted by June Merrill.

An article on the scholarship recipients has been submitted by Jane Burbella. She has been assured that it will appear soon.

Meeting Schedule

Although contact with Sheriff Asa Buck, Harriet Altman of the League of Women Voters, and Dr. John Hauser, President of Carteret Community College, needs to be completed, the following programs are planned for the 2019-2020 CCRSP regular meetings:

Carteret County RSP 2019-2020 Meetings and Events
Sanitary Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

September 10, 2019	Sheriff Asa Buck and Harriet Altman Opioid Crisis
October 7, 2019	Region 7B General Meeting, King's in Kinston, 10:30 a.m.
October 8, 2019	Representative Pat McElraft Senator Norman Sanderson
November 12, 2019	Travis Day, Carteret Co. Board of Education (Baskets of Candy for National Education Week, Brag Boards)
December 10, 2019	Christmas Social, Volunteer Hours
February 11, 2020	Dr. John Hauser, President Carteret Community College
March 10, 2020	Carol Geer and Renee Hawthorne League of Women Voters 100 th Year of Women's Right to Vote
March 19-20, 2020	NCRSP Convention, Sheraton, Durham
April 14, 2020	Carl Whitfield, Fitness and Wellness
April 20, 2020	Region 7B Legislative Appreciation Luncheon, King's in Kinston, 10:30 a.m.
April 30, 2020	Committee Day in Raleigh
May 12, 2020	Scholarships, Memorials, and Awards
June 9, 2020	Legislative Session and Planning
July 14, 2020	Planning
August 11, 2020	Planning and Mailing to Members

Back-up Programs

Broad Street Clinic – Dr. Mary Katherine Lawrence (Nancy Ustach)

Financial Management – Stretch Dollars – Tripp Starling (Julia Thorn)

Family Promise – Sandy Hewitt Giocobbi (Jackie Ramus)

NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby (Julia Thorn)

Veteran Bobby Cooper – American Legion (Bonnie Ferneau)

George Burbella often introduces the speakers and always tells a humorous story.

CCRSP Jobs and Responsibilities

With our full meeting schedule and our effort to be a local unit worthy of state recognition, there are numerous responsibilities that members can help with as they seek to utilize their talents and give wisely of their time.

As President, Cathy Neagle will prepare meeting agendas and preside at each meeting. She called many of the members during the month of June to verify their directory information. She asked us to verify our information during the meeting.

The August meeting is when packets are prepared for mailing to our members; we currently have 70 full memberships and 3 local only members. Included in the mailing are (1) Letter from the President (Cathy Neagle and June Merrill), (2) Newsletter with Calendar and Officers (June), (3) Directory (Cathy), and (4) NCRSP Volunteer Hours Record Sheet (Cathy and Bonnie Ferneau). Meg Bradford will be responsible for the stamps and envelopes and for cash pay forms.

Bonnie suggested that we email Items 1-4 to as many members as possible. Then, each person can print out the pages and we will save mailing costs. Cathy can email to ask who is willing to receive the items electronically.

Anne Upchurch will conduct Dollars for Scholars, greet members, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings. Cathy will continue to keep up with name tags and bring the flag to the meetings. Martha Harrelson agreed to bring a variety of Get Well and Thinking of You cards. Members may volunteer to present devotions and/or bring a door prize for a particular month.

For the November meeting, which falls about the time of National Education Week, all members will bring candy to stuff the baskets (which Meg will bring). Julia Thorn will develop the mini brag boards to accompany the baskets.

Communications

At the April meeting, June Merrill and Julia Thorn will check the brochures to go in staff boxes during Teacher Appreciation Week. June will send meeting reminders and submit press releases to the newspaper. With Jackie Wooten's help, she will work with Aaron Beasley on keeping the CCRSP website up to date.

Phone tree callers will be Becky Lail, Jane and George Burbella, and Gail Barnes. They have agreed to call those without email. Pamela Janoskey and Cathy Neagle are in charge of sending emails to all members who have shared their email address.

CCRSP currently sends out 2 newsletters during the year. With our active website, the newsletter is becoming obsolete. If the Betty Huffman Award still calls for a newsletter, we will continue the practice of sending out 2 per year. They may still be needed for members without a computer and for some of our elected officials. The newsletter appears on the website.

Awards

The Betty Huffman Recognition Award, which largely outlines our Program of Work for the year, will be prepared by June Merrill with help from all members. George Burbella and Cathy Neagle will work on the Membership Starlight Award entry; Joanne Rittschof, Cathy Neagle, and June Merrill will work on the Legislative Starlight Award entry. Julia Thorn will prepare the brag boards for the Brag Board Recognition Award. She will also serve as the official photographer for our unit.

May Programs

Jane Burbella is in charge of the Scholarship Program and will submit an article to News-Times on the scholarship recipients. Becky Lail will send birthday, Christmas, and Valentine's Day cards to the recipients during the year.

In May, Meg Bradford will present the Memorial Program to honor members lost to death during the year. The member of the year will be decided upon by the members and presented a plaque at the May meeting. The winner's name will be added to the Member of the Year plaque at the History Place in Morehead City.

Membership

Letters of congratulations will be sent to Employees of the Year and a letter of appreciation to the Superintendent at the end of the year. Cathy Neagle and June Merrill will work together on these. Cathy will email retirees when their retirement is announced in the Communicator and invite them to become members. Any of us can receive this publication by calling Tabbie Nance and asking to be included on the mailing list.

Membership

To gain new members, all of us must invite other retirees. We need to emphasize that all retired school personnel are eligible, not just teachers. The CCRSP Membership Drive is on all year.

1. Each one ask one.
2. Fill out a 3 x 5 card each meeting to commit to ask someone to the next meeting.
3. Continue to email retirees when their retirement is announced in the Communicator.
4. Ask Tabbie to mail packet to all 2018-2019 retirees. We would provide envelopes and stamps. It was decided that we did not really have much success with this idea and it is too expensive. Because of privacy issues, Tabbie is no longer allowed to provide us with a list of new retirees.

When payroll deduction for membership dues was ended, NCRSP lost large numbers just as the General Assembly intended. In the present environment, monthly bank drafts (EFTs or Electronic Fund Transfers) seem to work best of all. If we use a credit card, we have to let the state NCRSP office know when it expires.

NCRSP membership is 9,107. Despite great effort, we lost 246 and gained 249, leaving an increase of only 3 new members across the entire state. It is still significant that our total membership did not decline. The trend is now positive!

Legislative

Lobbying our Legislators is important and needs to be done by all of us. Cathy will continue to bring the postcards for us to sign. She sent post cards to Tim Moore, Phil Berger, Rep. Pat McElraft, and Senator Norm Sanderson during the last budget meetings. The cards in each packet were all from different members.

League of Women Voters Woman of the Year

It was brought to our attention that Tabbie Nance has been nominated as a candidate for the League's Woman of the Year. Cathy will email directions for casting our vote.

Facebook

Martha Harrelson is setting up a Facebook page for us. Cathy can send out a group email to members asking if they want to join. If you are a Facebook member, do you want to join? Martha asked who would like to manage it. We will need administrators to monitor what is on Facebook. Cathy Neagle, Jackie Ramus, Martha Harrelson, Joanne Rittschof, and Rita Mullins were appointed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with an announcement that we will meet again on August 13.

Attendance

Bond, Lucy	Burbella, George	Burbella, Jane
Ferneau, Bonnie	Harrelson, Martha	Hurst, Marie
Lail, Becky	Merrill, June	Neagle, Cathy
Potter, Jeannie	Quinn, Betty	Ramus, Jackie
Swinson, Melinda (guest)	Thorn, Julia	