



**Carteret County Retired School Personnel
Minutes for September 10, 2019
11:30, Sanitary Restaurant**

Welcome

Cathy Neagle

Cathy Neagle called the meeting to order and encouraged everyone to vote as today is a special election day for our legislative district; the winning candidate will fill the US House seat left vacant on the death of Walter B. Jones.

Cathy introduced our new member, Teresa Murphy who taught for in Swansboro and lives in Emerald Isle.

Jane Burbella led the devotions and prayer. She opened with a reading from A.S. Rice, "Brighten Up the Corner Where You Are" an inspiring homily to remind us that small efforts or acts of kindness among those we live can be just as meaningful as grand gestures.

George Burbella livened the meeting up with a humorous story while we ordered lunch.

George also introduced the guest speaker, Harriet Altman, of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Harriet is active in the community in growing public awareness for the treatment of addiction, both alcoholism and drug abuse. She stressed that as early as 1956 the American Medical Association defined addiction as a chronic disease, where individuals compulsively engage in destructive habits such as drug or alcohol use. That definition placed emphasis on recognizing that addiction is a disease and not a moral failure. Harriet is an advocate of the recovery approach for treatment which is gaining recognition as it places emphasis on the recognition of addiction as a disease that needs to be treated with consistent continuity of care, mentorship, and resources. She left members several handouts that include local, national, and statewide contacts.

General Business

Legislative

Cathy Neagle collected legislative post cards.

Joanne Rittschof made a brief presentation of H426 section 4.2 of the mini-budget bill that addresses pay increases and two cost of living supplement payments for retired school personnel. (0.5% of annual retirement allowance made in 2019 and 2020.)

Membership

George Burbella passed out 3x5 cards to those present; members were asked to jot down the name of one new person to join the CCRSP and follow through with a letter or email to invite to an upcoming meeting. George won the Dollars for Scholars door prize drawing.

The CCRSP meeting was closed. We re-opened the meeting as CCRSP, Inc.

All CCRSP members are members of CCRSP, Inc. The members attending a regularly scheduled meeting constitute a quorum.

Budget and Financial

Treasurer Meg Bradford discussed the financial report. Special attention was given to the scholarship funds and closing the CCRSP.Inc account.

The major scholarships are administered by the NC Community Foundation. These are gifts from The Geraldine Mayo Beverage Scholarship and The CCRSP Scholarship. This academic year 4 students who graduated from Carteret County high schools received money based on academic record, desire to be educators, recommendations, and service to their schools and communities. Additional criteria are required to receive the Geraldine Mayo Beverage Scholarship.

Dollars for Scholars is a monthly activity in which CCRSP members donate money to be given to the Carteret Community College (CCC) for student scholarships. These donations have been deposited the CCRSP, Inc. As the NC Community Foundation will administer the major scholarships, a separate entity, the CCRSP Inc., is not necessary for managing the smaller, Dollars for Scholars fund. These monthly donations can be managed more easily with a new procedure where the collections will be given directly to the CCC for the CCRSP scholarship. The amount sent to Carteret Community College will be

accounted for on the monthly balance sheet that is compiled by the Treasurer, Budget, and Finance Committee chair.

Three votes were conducted to accomplish this change; one to close the CCRSP.inc account, to dissolve CCRSP.inc, and the third to direct that Dollars for Scholars go to Carteret Community College where it will be distributed. All votes were unanimous.

The CCRSP, Inc., meeting was closed and the CCRSP meeting resumed.

Meg Bradford announced a \$50.00 gift was received from Ginny Temple to defray expenses such as postage incurred by staff.

Organization

Cathy Neagle announced that she will email the revised CCRSP constitution and would like to discuss changes, modifications, etc. at the October meeting. She would like the the revised constitution voted on in November.

Upcoming events

Cathy Neagle informed members of the October 2, 2019 Medicare Outreach event that will be held from 3-5 pm at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center. Call 866 720-0114 for more information and to make a reservation.

Cathy Neagle announced the October 7, 2019 general meeting for area 7B in Kinston at King's Restaurant. The cost is \$12.00. Cathy passed around a sign-up sheet for those who would like to carpool. The carpools will leave from the parking lot in front of the closed K-Mart at 9 am.

Our next CCRSP meeting will be October 8, 11:30 am at the Sanitary Restaurant. We will review the revised constitution. Guest speakers are Pat McElraft, NC State House Representative and Norman Sanderson, NC State Senator.

Officers and Committee Chairs

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Vice-president, Dollars for Scholars

2nd Vice-president, Scholarships

3rd Vice-president, Membership

Cathy Neagle

Anne Upchurch

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Phone Tree	George & Jane Burbella, Gail Barnes, Becky Lail
Thank you notes	Jackie Wooten

Scholarships

Geraldine Mayo Beveridge Scholarship

Renewal:

Sarah Elizabeth Swain, WCHS, University of Mount Olive, Agricultural Education

Carteret County Retired School Personnel Scholarship

Renewals:

Sarah Elizabeth Swain, WCHS, University of Mount Olive, Agricultural Education

Maggie Alexis Guthrie, ECHS, UNC Wilmington, Special Education

New Recipients:

Ashley Faith Vasquez, CHS, East Carolina University, Special Education

Jonathan Alexander Merrill, ECHS, University of Mount Olive, Music Education

Carteret Community College Scholarship

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