



**Carteret County Retired School Personnel
Minutes for March 10, 2020
11:30 a.m., Sanitary Restaurant**

Call to Order was given by CCRSP President Cathy Neagle. Because NCAE Liaison June Vann had to leave the meeting early, Ms. Neagle called for her to give a report about the local Carteret County chapter of NCAE. According to June, new persons elected to office have not stepped up to conduct the business of the organization. After the retirement of Opal Bostic as president and June Vann as secretary, the Carteret County NCAE membership has fallen to only fifty members from a high of three hundred. The group has not had a meeting in the last eighteen months. Members have asked for our organization to step in and help, but CCRSP consists only of retired school personnel. We do not have the personnel nor the resources to provide such assistance.

Vice-President George Burbella was not present due to the illness of his father who was a patient at Carteret Health Care. The elder Mr. Burbella passed away this week, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to George and Jane Burbella.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Neagle. Nancy Ustach gave the devotion. She read a poem "The Invitation," and shared "I want to know...how to be filled with joy, dance filled with ecstasy, see beauty, live with failure, yours and mine..., and learn what sustains us inside." Nancy returned thanks for our food.

Bonnie Ferneau, CCRSP Volunteer Coordinator, proudly announced that Julia Thorn is our winning volunteer with 1,738.5 hours spent in volunteer work, more hours than we have ever had. Julia is the local chapter and the regional winner for 2019.

Members present for the meeting were Cathy Neagle, June Merrill, Rita Mullins, Meg Bradford, Jane Burbella, Jackie Ramus, Bonnie Ferneau, Julia Thorn, Jeannie Potter, Martha Harrelson, Anne Upchurch, Becky Lail, Joyce Light, Lucy

Bond, Nancy Ustach, Sherrill Moraven, Marie Hurst, Joanne Rittschof, Betty Quinn, Claudia Beamon, and Ardith Propst. Our guests were Dianne Todd, retiree from Bogue Sound Elementary, and Carol Geer, President of the Carteret County League of Women Voters.

President Cathy Neagle asked if the members knew everyone present. Each member then introduced herself.

Members of our group ordered lunch.

Our program was presented by CCRSP member Lucy Bond who also serves as Program Chair for the Carteret County chapter of the League of Women Voters. Lucy introduced Carol Geer, President of LWV. The two women discussed the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment and a forthcoming celebration in Carteret County of the 100th anniversary of voting rights for women.

Carol Geer, LWV President, emphasized that the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan and non-profit group which educates its members and the public about the importance of voting. The group leads voting registration drives (such as the one to be held at West Carteret High School) and holds candidate forums to help the public make informed decisions about candidates for elected office. Carol discussed the website www.Vote411.org.

Lucy Bond and Carol Geer discussed the Women of History Reception to be held at the Museum of Carteret County History next Thursday. Women will be dressed as historical figures. Thirty student project winners will be awarded gift cards. Suffragette ribbons, hats, and other historical memorabilia will be displayed. Donations are welcome for the auction to be held.

After our two speakers, lunch was served.

Concerns were put forth by President Cathy Neagle. Money was collected for the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children. Our organization has regularly made donations to the Carteret County Foundation for Public School Children. The success of the upcoming NCRSP State Convention was highlighted. President Neagle talked about the corona virus concerns. She emphasized that our organization will not meet if public schools are closed.

The CCRSP Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for 2020-2022. They are as follows:

- President Meg Bradford
- Vice President George Burbella
- Treasurer Becky Lail
- Secretary Rita Mullins
- Assistant Secretary Joanne Rittschof

This slate of officers will be voted on at the April 14th meeting. If we cannot meet, voting will be done by email.

Copies of the CCRSP Minutes for our February 2020 meeting were made available at the sign-in table.

Dollars for Scholars raised \$45.00 for scholarships. Marie Hurst was the winner of beautiful daffodils.

Our Financial Report was presented by Meg Bradford. The checking balance was \$1,550.10. The Share Account totaled \$57.93.

Our organization is now on Facebook.

Committee Reports

- **Scholarships and Communications—Chair Jane Burbella reported that four current recipients of our scholarship are renewing. She further stated that due to technology changes, she cannot access the website to see who has applied. Jane Burbella indicated that CCRSP scholarship information has been sent to all Carteret County high schools. The Scholarship Committee will meet in April.**

Announcements:

- The next meeting of CCRSP will be on April 14 at the Sanitary Restaurant.
- The Legislative Luncheon will take place on April 20. All legislators from our region have received invitations to attend. Ten legislators have indicated that they are interested in attending the session. Julia Thorn will be recognized at that meeting for her volunteerism.

Volunteers:

Month

April

May

Bring Door Prize

Anne Upchurch

Ardith Propst

Devotions

Betty Quinn

Jackie Wooten

Our scholarship recipients are Sarah Swain, Ashley Vasquez, Maggie Guthrie, and Jonathan Merrill.
Their addresses were on the agenda.
Becky Lail will send cards at Christmas, Valentine's Day, and recipient's birthday.

CCRSP Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Cathy Neagle
Vice-president	Anne Upchurch
2nd Vice-president	Jane Burbella
3rd Vice-president	George Burbella
Secretary	Dr. Rita Mullins
Asst. Secretary	Joanne Rittschof
Treasurer	Meg Bradford
Community Service	Mildred Lancaster & Bonnie Ferneau
Quality of Life	Dr. Rita Mullins
Legislative	Joanne Rittschof
Membership	George Burbella
Communications/Media	June Merrill
Scholarship Chair	Jane Burbella
Dollars for Scholars	Anne Upchurch
Devotions	Betty Quinn
Brag Boards	Julia Thorn
Email Reminders	Pamela Janoskey
NCAE Liaison	June Vann
Phone Tree	George & Jane Burbella, Gail Barnes
Thank You Notes	Jackie Wooten

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