



**Minutes of the Carteret County Retired School Personnel February 8, 2022:
Location: Sagebrush Steak House, Morehead City, NC**

In Attendance: Marie Hurst, Bonnie Ferneau, June W. Vann, Becky Lail, Kathy Day-Ketel, Lucy Bond, Jane Burbella and guest Linda Gunter

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Vice-President Designee Jane Burbella. Becky Lail read “An Athlete’s Prayer” for our Thought for the Day.

Under “Cares and Concerns” Bonnie asked that we think of Jeanie Potter who has some personal concerns.

Jane read the humorous note “Difference between Completed and Finished” that George Burbella sent in.

Lunch was ordered.

Jane introduced our guest speaker Linda Gunter who is President-elect of NCRSP and is running unopposed. She has an extensive background of involvement and responsibilities in Wake County in the school system, in Wake Co. NCAE, in NCRSP, and in government and community positions and activities. She spoke on a variety of topics and how she will address them after the election, including the following:

- **Health insurance** – Access scripts are free. Investigate with your doctor or pharmacist. Also, she has asked the treasurer to see about doubling the hearing aid reimbursement.
- **General Assembly** – We have not hired a lobbyist. Linda felt the 30,000+ salary for 15 hours work per month was too high for results. Her focus will be on a strong legislative committee to lobby for us. She pointed out personal or social connections long established with Speaker Tim Moore, Senator Phil Berger, Gov. Roy Cooper and Senator Dan Blue have been more beneficial than professional lobbying. We did get a 2% bonus in Dec 2021 and will get a 3% bonus in October 2022.

- **NC Great Public Schools Fund** (NC GPS Fund) – formerly NCAE-PAC – Fund drive will be March 30-April 28. Linda urged us to give \$ to recommended candidates. She requested we find a local PAC leader to help.
- **Convention**—April 27 and 28--will be virtual. On Mon and Tuesday prior to the convention, there will be workshops offered on quality of life and other areas of interest.
Locals can have 1 delegate per 10 members, and alternates should be elected. Guests will be allowed with no voting rights.
Election of officers will be online at the convention.
President- Linda Gunter;
VP- Lena Merrill Chapman; Treasurer - Ira LaVerne Reed;
Secretary- Dorsey Harris; Secretary – Melessa Winborne; Secretary – Helen Williams.
- **NEA-R and NEA Delegates** (8 or 9 delegates) – List and information about each candidate will be online before the vote. The online newsletter will give bios provided by the candidates. Everyone can vote online.

Linda's platform includes

- Putting members first.
- Retain and increase membership.
- Advocate for COLAs.
- Protect retirement and healthcare benefits.
- Improve communications with membership
- Involve locals in grassroots lobbying;
- Enhance member benefits
- Build a community of engaged members
- Lead a MEMBER DRIVEN organization.

In closing, Linda stressed that she sees the NCRSP as being member, not staff driven, and transparent. She sees communication as key and upgrading/improving the newsletter and webpage is critical. She urged us to recruit new members and she is looking for a few good members who are willing to work to build NCRSP into what it can be.

Committee Reports:

Becky Lail gave a financial report.

June Vann had no information on NCAE. The NCAE person has not responded to her inquiries.

Jackie Wooten was absent but Linda filled us in on legislative information in her talk.

No membership information.

Lucy Bond reported that scholarship announcements has been emailed to the guidance department of each high school. She read a thank you note from Maggie Guthrie who graduated last year and who is now teaching in Carteret County at Atlantic Elementary.

Our Community service volunteer with the most hours is Nancy Ustach.
We collected Dollars for Scholars and June Vann won a lovely necklace.

There was no OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jane read the email notice about the Convention being virtual this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.