BEREA February 11, 2014 Minutes

Minutes for Bryan and Evans Retired Educators Association

President Barbara Estes called the meeting to order and introduced new members Albert Lodge and Suzannah Fawcett and renewed member Beth Odom. She encouraged members to purchase $1 tickets to support the scholarship fund and to place dimes in the bottle for charity donation project.

The guest speaker, Betty Rosenthal, CPA, was introduced. She brought information on taxes and savings and provided tips for filing tax returns. Ms. Rosenthal gave members a chance to ask questions and responded to a number of concerns. Her contact number is 754-4392.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and Alice Bennett gave a devotional on the need to encourage one another. Nancy Page was thanked for sharing the benefits of GREA to others and bringing in new members.

Beth Odom spoke up to share information on TRAGIC, a group of state employees that has formed to advocate for health benefits. Beth answered questions regarding the hazards of the new coverage. She shared they have a facebook page and web site and currently have about 13,000 people.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. The Treasurers Report was presented by Anne Sanders then approved.

The Sunshine Committee sent cards this month to Rita Marable and Nancy Page. Ann Miller made a motion that we buy a brick in memory of Jim Marable for $100 at the TRS museum.

Olivia Harvey and Sally Brewer are working on the selection for our scholarship recipient. There are two para pros in Richmond Hill that wish to participate. We call our scholarship and educational gift.

Barbara Estes explained and described the Spotlight Ad and passed out application forms to purchase an ad. Barbara will complete the details of the unit scrapbook. We are to bring a total of our volunteer hours to our next meeting. We are working toward the award of Unit of Distinction. We then discussed the upcoming convention. The Banquet and registration is April 22, 2014. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Our next meeting will be on March 11, 2014 at Mrs. Rogers restaurant in Claxton.

Door prizes were awarded and a gift was presented to Nancy Page for bringing new members. The meeting was closed and a blessing was said. Members then went to the buffet and visited.

Submitted by Claudia Christiansen