

## Region 3 Organizational Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2017

Members present: Robert Grau, Karen Purser, John Hoffman, Barbara Grau, Virginia Wright, Lila Bostian, Marilyn McClain, Gordon Lampley, Ira LaVerne Reed, and Dee Williams

The meeting was called to order by John Hoffman, Co-Director. The Thought for Today, "The Colors of Friendship," was read by Barbara Grau, Co-Director. Members introduced themselves by sharing personal information. Gloria McKenzie who was absent is a Co-Associate Director. The roster was distributed for corrections. Absent members will be contacted. All committee chairs will maintain their positions for one year.

Karen Purser, Co-Treasurer, conducted the proposed 2017-2018 budget discussion. Each line item was reviewed and feedback was given. Line item 6 was corrected to: Region 3 outreach to NCRSP/NCAE local meetings. The word roundtables was deleted in Line item 6 in the notes section and replaced with local meetings. Purser stated 7 locals used the New Member Grants. The maximum amount awarded was \$300.00 with a December 31 deadline. Due to the size of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, its grant will be \$500.00. The Line item 1 for New Member Grants was corrected to: \$3200.00. Marilyn, Gordon, and John commented. We must do all we can to retain members. Locals can use their funds to do mailings and to provide meals. Union County plans to purchase pens and notepads with their logo on it. Members were encouraged to look at the Gaston County Welcome Back Letter for 2017-2018 by Charles Whitesides, president, as an example.

Some comments mentioned during the discussion were: all locals were represented at the state convention; four locals did not attend Summer Leadership; Marilyn and Ira LaVerne visited locals; Region 3 Annual Meeting was under budget; and have outgoing president attend the fall meeting and have new president attend the spring meeting. The members discussed in detail the requirement about having two general meetings. It was mentioned that the meetings could have less fringes. There could be some entertainment at the meetings. The location of the meeting could be changed. A suggestion was made to consider Golden Corral which offers a senior discount. There is no mileage reimbursement for general meetings. Gordon shared his concern. A corrected budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Virginia shared her concern about traveling to the meetings. Wingate, South Piedmont which has a Culinary Program, Mayfair Restaurant, and Golden Corral were mentioned. The mileage reimbursement will be \$.50. The state does \$.40. The members decided Golden Corral on Highway 74 in Matthews would be the best choice.

Third quarter dues were just received. NCAE is still holding the dues money. There will be no fall general meeting. The members discussed meeting dates. Several meetings

are already being held on Mondays. The members changed the meeting day to **Tuesday** and will meet every other month. The schedule is:

Tuesday, September 12  
Tuesday, November 14  
Tuesday, January 9  
Tuesday, March 6  
Tuesday, May 8

Dee Williams, Community Service, distributed packets to the members. All forms with the deadlines were included in the packet. She mentioned the September 14<sup>th</sup> Committee Day meeting. The special quote for this year is, "You have two hands. One to help yourself, the second to help others"(Unknown). Dee asked for funds to purchase a gift for the Region 3 Top Volunteer. Her request was approved.

Legislative-John mentioned gerrymandering. He also acknowledged our 1% COLA.

Lila Bostian, Memorials, asked members to send her their reports at lila.bostian@gmail.com. Gordon stated there is a link for Obituaries.

Gordon Lampley, Webmaster, encouraged members to submit items for the site. John stated the site has a lot of valuable information.

The current membership totals from the state were called out(random):

30  
83(87 corrected)  
564(512 corrected)  
249(184 corrected)  
78  
73  
44  
121(116 corrected)  
141

The NCRSP convention is earlier than the NCAE Convention. John Hoffman told an email joke. Barbara Grau motioned for adjournment and Gordon Lampley seconded.

Recorder,

Dee Williams  
Community Service/CMRSP President