

MINUTES



Region 3 Co-Director John Hoffman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Region 3 Co-Director Barbara Grau presented the Thought for Today in the form of a trivia quiz of brain testers and teasers.

Members present (15) were recognized:

**Anson:** (0)

**Cabarrus:** (1) Wilma Means, local president and Region Quality of Life Chair

**Gaston:** (3) Charles Whitesides, local president; Barbara Grau, Region Co-Director; Robert Grau, Region Co-Treasurer

**Kannapolis:** (0)

**Lincoln:** (1) Virginia Wright, Region 3 Immediate Past Co-Director

**Mecklenburg:** (4) Marilyn McClain, Region 3 Immediate Past Co-Director; Dee Williams, local president and Region 3 Community Service Chair; Gloria McKenzie, Region 3 Associate Director; Ira LaVerne Reed, Region 3 Associate Director

**Montgomery:** (1) Gene Griffith, Region 3 Legislative Chair

**Rowan:** (1) John Hoffman, Region 3 Co-Director

**Stanly:** (2) Cindy Misenheimer, local president; Gordon Lampley, Region 3 Webmaster

**Union:** (2) Karen Purser, local president and Region 3 Co-Treasurer; Ruth Rowe, Region 3 Secretary

## **Minutes**

Dalphaline (Dee) Williams presented the minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting orally. They were approved with clarifications.

## **Treasurers' Report**

Co-Treasurer Karen Purser presented the Treasurers' Report. She called attention to the fact that four locals had not received a scheduled dues disbursement because those local treasurers had not submitted a required audit report to NCRSP Raleigh. The report was accepted as information.

## **Old Business**

Barbara Grau, Gloria McKenzie, LaVerne Reed and Dee Williams shared their impressions from NCRSP Committee Day . Overall they thought it was a positive experience individually and for the organization.

Co-Director Hoffman encouraged locals to submit items to the NCRSP newsletter, Panorama, especially Community Service projects. He also shared contact information for Dr. Terry Mitchell, former state NCRSP President, who was going through rehab following an illness.

## **New Business**

State NCRSP Secretary Ira LaVerne Reed shared news from the state level. She solicited ideas on how NCRSP can save money. An ad hoc committee was formed to come up with ways to save money in the NCRSP 2018 budget. The PANORAMA was mentioned as a huge expense in the budget. Hopefully the committee can bring fresh and innovative ideas to the NCRSP Administrative Council.

## **Local Concerns**

Representatives from the locals in attendance shared some of the highlights and challenges from around the Region. Some are noted here.

Cabarrus: Shared their membership flyer.

Charlotte/Mecklenburg: Experimented with a 'satellite' site member meeting.

Montgomery: Shared that efforts are underway to get that local back to a fully functioning entity.

Stanly: Responded to members' questionnaire feedback by offering something new for their December meeting. 'Ugly Holiday Sweater' and Christmas bingo were a change of pace hit.

## **Committee Reports**

Community Service Chair Dee Williams, Mecklenburg, noted that new forms are available on the state website, but individual reports on the old form are still acceptable for 2017 activity.

Legislative Chair Gene Griffith, Montgomery, shared that the General Assembly is coming back into one or more special sessions to deal with a variety of matters. There are many topics at both the state and national level which have the potential to adversely impact retirees and the wider public education communities.

Membership Chair LaVerne Reed, Mecklenburg, encouraged locals to create a membership flyer using a template available from state NCRSP. She also asked that Region 3 locals keep her updated on each local's membership count.

Webmaster Gordon Lampley, Stanly, gave notice that he would end his tenure as the Region Webmaster at the end of the current activity year. Members present were provided a report detailing the potential local information that could be included on each local's portion of the region's website and how many of those items were currently active for each of the ten locals in Region 3.

### **Other Concerns**

A communication from the Foundation (NCFPSC) and NCRSP Executive Director Tom Bennett was shared. NCRSP is sponsoring a friendly Region vs. Region fund raiser for the Foundation and the culmination will be a presentation to the Foundation at the NCRSP Convention in March.

Calendar questions were answered and resolved noting the correct projected dates for Leadership Training for next year's local leaders.

The meeting was adjourned and participants were encouraged to stay for the luncheon and additional sharing.

Submitted by Gordon Lampley

Serving for Ruth Rowe.