

NCRSP Stanly County Unit

September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The NCRSP Stanly County Unit met on September 27 at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Albemarle with 46 members and 8 guests in attendance. President Rita Griffin called the meeting to order and introduced the NCRSP officers and committee chairman serving for this year. Rita shared with members that Teresa Carriker will not be returning as treasurer due to the illness of her husband. This position is vacant at this time. Doris Eudy is serving as treasurer until a replacement is approved. Rita also shared the vacancies listed in the handbook for the office of vice president and the Quality of Life committee chairman. She encouraged members to be involved in leadership positions.

The minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting were sent to members by email prior to this meeting. Receiving no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as printed. Doris Eudy reported that the checking account balance is \$1,849.30 and the savings account balance is \$1,863.90.

Kim Whitley requested that all members update their information on a membership card for her records. She will review forms and update her data base with this information. Sandra Huneycutt introduced the new retirees in attendance today. Introduced were: Cindy Dry, Kathy Haynes, and Vicky Huneycutt.

Karen Lowder was introduced to share information from the Citizens for Safer Schools. This committee is supporting the ¼ cent sales tax in Stanly County. (See Attachment)

Gordon Lampley shared that the membership focus for the NCRSP Region 3 is Red for Ed. He distributed post cards for members to share with other retirees to promote membership.

Rita introduced the NC Education Lottery representative Van Denton for the program. Mr. Denton shared the history of the lottery in the United States. He shared that the purpose of the lottery is to raise money, be responsible, be good stewards, and to have fun. The NC Education Lottery started in 2006 and has received over 58 billion dollars. In working with the state legislature, over 13 billion dollars has been invested in the state. He reviewed projects throughout NC that are receiving benefits and funding which includes school construction projects, repairs, state universities and community colleges enrollment, public school systems non-instructional staff positions, and Pre-K programs.

He shared that Stanly County Schools funding covers non-instruction staff positions and construction renovations and repairs. Stanly County has received \$580,000 in construction funding. The NC Education Lottery is a business of possibility. It does not receive any state money. It is a sales/marketing organization receiving 2.6 billion dollars per year from sponsorships and retailers. Prizes are our products and products are our profits. The NC Education Lottery does not control how the money is used. They encourage citizens to play a lot by playing a little and they discourage citizens from playing too much. Help lines and counseling are available for citizens with lottery addictions. Additional information about the NC Lottery can be obtained through brochures available and on the website.

Rita shared that the next NCRSP Region 3 meeting is scheduled for November 13 in Monroe. The cost of the meeting is \$15.00. Sign up today to register.

Rita shared information about the NCRSP scholarship. She shared her concerns about the lack of student participation from the local high schools in previous years. The officers discussed changing the scholarship to a Heritage Scholarship through the Stanly Community College Foundation at the planning meeting. It would take two years to set up a \$10,000.00 scholarship. We would like to designate the name as Project Designation for the scholarship for this year. Rita will continue to check with the college on the guidelines and members will be given the opportunity to vote on this recommendation in October.

Linda Williamson recommended that the school tools collected today be given to schools affected by Hurricane Florence. She suggested that we send items with the YMCA shipment. This motion was seconded by Doris Eudy. During the luncheon, contacts were made about the shipment of school tools. The YMCA is not delivering items to schools at this time. The members decided to make monetary donations at the next meeting for Hurricane Florence Relief for schools. It was also decided that the school tools received today will be delivered to East Albemarle School by Kim Whitley.

Dwight prepared a delicious meal with his classic desserts for everyone to enjoy. Following the meal, Rita and Kim had the door prize drawing. Ivonia Mills is the recipient of the free meal for the October 18 meeting.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Claudette Burris, Secretary

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