

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

March 16, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 41 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:37 am.

Invocation was given by Bobby Alexander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New member Carl DeMire from the Sheriff's Office was welcomed.

President Story reported the death of our friend and member Nathan Wilson who died after a long battle with cancer.

Those who are having health problems are Ralph Wheeler, Bob Young, Jim Lynch and Harry Ingram.

PROGRAM: Ginger Bennett, Radon Educator with the University of Georgia/Hall County Extension Service presented a very enlightening program on a radioactive gas called radon. It's impossible to see, smell or taste and it could be accumulating to an unsafe level in our home right now. Radon is unregulated in Georgia. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking in Georgia.

Because everyone's home probably has a certain level of radon in it, it should be tested every 3 to 4 years to determine the level of radon since the level can fluctuate. If a home has an unsafe level of radon mitigation systems may be installed. A list of certified experts is available upon request.

Test kits were given out to those in attendance. Free kits may be obtained from your local county extension service office. To reach Ms. Bennett you may call (770)535-8290 or bennettg@uga.edu. For more information on radon go to www.gafamilies.com/housing/radon.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Co-Treasurer Judy Clark reported a balance of \$2944.84 in the treasury. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by L.C. Carter with a second to approve the

minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE CALL LIST: President Story reported that he is still working on the list and will report again next meeting.

PENSION UPDATE: President Story attended the meeting of the Trustees of the Cobb County Pension Plan. He gave a handout of the condition of the plan as of 1/31/09. The percentage change from 1/31/08 to 1/31/09 is -20.47%. He stated that by law only 55% of the funds may be invested in stocks while the other 45% must be in fixed.

NAME BADGES: Linda Edwards obtained a quote on purchasing permanent name badges for our meetings. Each would have the Cobb County logo and member's name. The price will be \$5 if 100 badges are ordered, otherwise, \$8 each. A sign up sheet will be at the front desk at the next couple meetings so if you are interested in one, please be sure to sign the sheet.

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2009. Speaker will be Joe Kirby with the *Marietta Daily Journal*.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Martha Watson, Secretary