

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

July 20, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 59 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

Lt. Mark Chenoweth introduced Kasey Stahl an intern with the CCPD. Kasey is a recent graduate of UGA. While at UGA she was a member of the UGA National Volleyball Team Champions and was named Collegiate All American.

Invocation was given by Harry Ingram followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New member Carol Granger former County Clerk was welcomed.

President Story reported the following members are sick: Saundra Conine and Rolla Green. He also reported that Ruby Lowry's husband has been ill.

PROGRAM: Guest speaker for the meeting was Lt. Mark Chenoweth of the Cobb County Police Department. Lt. Chenoweth is a 23 year veteran of the department and currently serves in the Crimes Against Property Division in East Cobb. In September 2006 Lt. Chenoweth developed the PENS notification system for his precinct in response to an increase in car break-ins. PENS or Police E-mail Notification System began with 13 e-mail addresses and currently has an enrollment of 5450 and is available countywide. Registered e-mail addresses receive information on crime trends in their neighborhood, prevention information and rumor control. A bi-monthly bulletin is sent out, crime prevention meetings are held regularly and information is sent out to correct any erroneous information that may be circulating in the community. PENS has also aided in apprehension by posting a lookout for a suspect or vehicle.

Crime prevention is a large part of the educational process provided by the PENS representative who meets with community members quarterly. Lt. Chenoweth urged everyone to lock your automobile at all times, even in your driveway. Most auto thefts are in unlocked vehicles. He also stated that anything of value should not be left in plain view in your auto. Also garage doors should be kept down.

Theft from purses in stores usually occurs from a purse being left open in the shopping cart child seat. He stated that purses should be closed and placed in the bottom of the cart where shopping items are placed.

Anyone not registered for PENS in Cobb County may do so by contacting the PENS representative at 770 499 3909. Those living outside Cobb should contact their local law enforcement agency to see if PENS is available and if not urge implementation in your county.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Co-Treasurer Judy Clark reported a balance of \$2,811.54 in the treasury. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

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PENSION UPDATE: President Story urged everyone to watch the Cobb County website www.cobbcounty.org for the commission meeting agenda for any item or information about our pension plan or anything we might need to address. Please contact Roswell if anything is noted.

NAME BADGES: Motion was made by Lynda Edwards with a second to pay the bill of \$449.44 for the name badges out of the treasury and reimbursement will be made by the members who ordered them. Motion carried. The cost is \$8.50 each. Also anyone wishing to order one may do so by contacting Lynda Edwards or ordering at the next meeting.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Carl Cannington distributed nomination forms for the CCREA Bolek-Strickland Award and the CCREA Ingram Award. Anyone wishing to make a nomination may do so by completing the form and delivering it to Carl Cannington in person or by mail to 5765 Brenda Drive, Mableton, GA 30126. Deadline for nominations is November 15, 2009.

NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2009 is our annual summer barbeque. There will be no formal business meeting. Meeting time is 11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Someone from the Cobb County Human Resources Department will be our guest speaker to discuss changes that may be proposed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary

