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MINUTES – MRTA Community Service Committee Meeting
MRTA Office Facility, Jefferson City, Missouri
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The meeting of the MRTA Community Service Committee was called to order by MRTA Community Service Committee Chairman Marlin Kinman, also representing Region 1. In addition to Chairman Kinman, the following persons were in attendance. Sandy Applegate, MRTA President; Regional Committee Members: Manne Magady, Region 2; Trudy Riddle, Region 4; Gale Schafer, Region 5; Myra Dingman, Region 7; Kay Johnson, Region 9; Mary Lynne Grimes, Region 10; Michael Jarvis, Region 11; Linda Daniels, Region 12; Linda McGlothlin, Region 13; Rose Mary Johnson, Region 14; Jim Kreider, MRTA Executive Director; Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator; and Tom Wales, FTJ.

The Pledge was lead by Mary Lynne Grimes and Prayer by Chairman Kinman.

The minutes of the 2015 Community Service Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Linda McGlothlin and seconded by Mary Lynne Grimes. Motion was passed unanimously.

President Applegate introduced herself, and reported on her travels to each Region Meeting. She also shared some percentages on other retirement systems' COLAs and that MRTA is fighting to get our retirees' pensions. President Applegate then thanked the Regional Chairs for serving on the Community Service Committee.

Director Kreider thanked the group for coming. He reported that MRTA is in great shap, we keep growing, and we have \$25,000 surplus in our budget for 2017. Kreider let the committee know that with having a brand new legislature, that we will have a fight on our hands to protect the system. He then gave a brief report on the COLA issue and compared PSRS to the St. Louis PSRS as an example on why we need to continue to fight for a COLA. He reminded the committee on how important is is for them to report on what they do as volunteers. Director Kreider asked that each regional chair to contact their unit chairs to check in on them, and to encourage making sure their members have renewed their dues so that we can have "STRENGTH IN NUMBERS" to fight this new legislature.

Chairman Kinman reviewed past successes of MRTA Community Service activities and asked for Regional Reports of community service activities. Some of the activities reported were: buddy packs, spelling bees, collecting books for National Guard families, collecting pill bottles for missionary work in other countries, food collection and cooking meals for Ronald McDonald houses, clipping and distributing coupons, tab tops and box tops.

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Chairman Kinman called for a motion to keep the following Statewide Projects:

- Show-Me Hunger
- Collection of Tab Tops for Ronald McDonald Houses
- Labels to help schools

Mary Lynne Grimes moved to keep these Statewide Projects. Kay Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee then reviewed a draft of the Goals and Duties of the Community Service Committee for 2017. The committee made changes to #4 in the "BY" section to state "Encouraging all local MRTA Units to report to the Community Service Regional Chairpersons by February 1 of each calendar year their unit's...". Linda McGlothlin moved to accept the Goals and Duties as changed. Rose Mary Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee then went over the reporting forms. Director Kreider and Chairman Kinman present the different ways the chairs could get information on community service.

Tom Wales, FTJ, spoke with attendees about other benefits available to members. He offered to attend local meetings to speak with members about benefits offered by FTJ available to MRTA members.

Director Kreider ended by passing out the "2017 MRTA Show-Me Hunger Relief Project" document that contained different ideas on things the units could do promoting Hunger Relief.

Chairman Kinman reported that the hourly value as determined by *TheNonProfitTimes* of volunteers for 2016 is \$23.56 per hour.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator