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MINUTES – MRTA Retirement Education Committee Meeting
MRTA Office Facility, Jefferson City, Missouri
November 3, 2016

The meeting of the MRTA Retirement Education Committee was called to order by Retirement Education Committee Chairman Larry Beal, also representing Region 7. In addition to Mr. Beal, the following persons were in attendance. Jim Kreider, MRTA Executive Director; Sandy Applegate, MRTA President; John Pohl, MRTA President Elect; Dale Bagley, Region 3; Leora Bremer Region 5; Helen Brockmeyer, Region 6; Linda Taber, Region 8; Jane Baker, Region 9; Sue Groves, Region 10; Mike Stearley, Region 11; Sherry Cole, Region 12; Tom Wales, FTJ; Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator; Pat Bagley, Guest. Unable to attend were committee members David Primm; Debra White, Region 2; Mary Ridge, Region 4; Mary Reese, Region 13; and Erma Nevels, Region 14.

The meeting was opened with the pledge led by Chairman Beal. The minutes of the 2015 Retirement Education Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Dale Bagley, seconded by Sue Groves. Motion Passed.

President Applegate spoke briefly on the great work all the committees have done, because she has heard and seen some great information from all the Region meetings that she has attended. She told the committee to keep up the good work and reminded them “we will count on you and you count on us.”

Director Kreider welcomed the group and spoke about how important this group’s responsibility is on spreading the word of retirement benefits. He then gave an updated COLA report. Kreider reminded the group that they need to count their blessings because many don’t have the great retirement benefits that they have. He said that they have to continue to fight to protect these benefits. He then talked about the composition of the PSRS Board and that the retirees are outnumbered so we need to be involved with the election of these seats. Director Kreider let them know their hard work is paying off.

Committee members reported on retirement education workshops that were hosted in various regions and units over the past year. Chairman Beal reported on his activities manning exhibit booths at various association conferences in the central Missouri area.

The committee then reviewed a draft of the Goals and Duties of the Retirement Education Committee for 2017. Sue Groves made the motion to change the Agenda to say “**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!** Our goal is to increase both PSRS and PEERs membership. This is the best way to protect educator pensions.” Leora Bremer seconded. Motion passed. Dale Bagley then made a motion to change #8 in

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the BY section to say: "Organizing a local MRTA Retirement Education Workshop in each of MRTA's 14 Regions." Helen Brockmeyer seconded. Sherry Cole then made a motion to approve the 2017 Goals and Duties with the updates. Leora seconded. Motion passed.

Director Kreider gave a tour of the MRTA and PSRS/PEERS websites, and handed out to each Region a roster of all their Unit Retirement Education Chairs.

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 closed the meeting by thanking the group for coming and reminded them that they are important, along with the other standing committees. He also encouraged each Regional Chair to contact their unit chairs at least twice a year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator