Carteret County Retired School Personnel Minutes for
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

In Attendance: Lucy Bond, Mikie Broadhurst, Jane Burbella, George Burbella, Sherill Moraven, June Vann, Marie Hurst, Norma Pifer, Jackie Wooten, Kathy Day-Ketel, Julia Thorn, Opal Bostic, June Merrill

Welcome and Call to Order

- Pledge to the flag lead by President Opal
- Devotional given by June Vann- a reflection about teaching and the important qualities of a teacher.

Care and Concerns

- Norma Pifer-good news; Cancer free!
- Mike Thorn-all is good; getting used to changes in health
- June Merrill-thankfully getting better!

(Lunch orders are taken and then meeting resumes.)

Main Speaker and introduction

Lucy Bond introduces main speaker, Mikie Broadhurst, Career Development Coordinator at West Carteret High School –Ms. Broadhurst has over 20 years of teaching experience and has been recognized as Carteret County's NC Teacher of the Year 2023-2024. She guides students in exploring their strengths and helping them determine their paths to a career.

Mikie Broadhurst began her presentation by explaining how the Career and Technical Education Department has expanded greatly in the past few years. It now includes health science, engineering as well as child development and education.

Ms. Broadhurst explained her goal is to "open windows and minds to possibilities".
The education courses in the CTE program focus on infancy to 3rd grade, helping students to understand how important early development is to a student's success. Next, she went on to describe how the program coordinators develop relationships with area businesses. Students enrolled in the program often participate in internships at various businesses in the county. Students must put in a total of 120 hours at a business or school to earn credit for their participation.

Mikie Broadhurst also described the significant connection that the CTE program has with Carteret Community College. Specifically, she discussed how students can earn college credits while still in high school.

"Soft Skills" development is also an important part of the program according to Ms. Broadhurst. The CTE courses help teach students what a business expects from an employee in reference to attention to detail, attendance, and paying attention while on the job as well as not spending on their phones, etc.

Ms. Broadhurst told us how students are required to take a "work keys" test at the end of the program they are enrolled in, and that the results of the test add favorably to a student's credentials.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes
Minutes from September are read by Kathy Day-Ketel and accepted.

Financial Report
Marie Hurst, Treasurer, explain how the Dollars for Honors money can only be spent on our operating costs. This is dictated by the state. Individuals can, if they wish, write out personal checks to the Carteret Community College Scholarship Fund. Marie cannot use CCRSP's checking account for this purpose. In light of this fact, there was a short discussion about whether we should continue with the two fund raising efforts we participate in at each meeting (auction basket and Dollars of Honors gift). This will be given consideration and thought by our members and will be decided on during our February meeting.

Marie went into detail about what "operating costs" are exactly…postage, printing and photo copying, gifts and/or lunches for our guest speakers, and convention expenses.

The current balance of the checking account as of November is $3803.43.

Marie also updated us on membership numbers explaining how there are three members who she cannot get in contact with find out whether they intend to continue their membership. Therefore, currently we are down three members to a total of sixty-two members.

Bonnie Ferneau brought to the attention of the group Julia Thorn's many accomplishments as State Secretary and Webmaster. The group thanked Julia for her extraordinary contributions to CCRSP on the local and state levels.

(Members signed up to take baskets to schools for National Education Week.)

Legislative Report
Jackie Wooten discussed Senate Bill 597 which involve Social Security benefits for state employees (teachers are not included in this bill). As a group, we were asked to contact our state legislators to ask them to support this bill.

The goals for the 2025-2026 legislative agenda are: adding health insurance for current teachers (between retirement and Social Security) and achieving a 2% COLA for current retirees.

George Burbella had a question about perhaps finding a new approach or a new goal to focus on since we, as a group, have not been successful in achieving our current goals. This was discussed by a few members and Julia Thorn brought up the need to publicize our meeting and our state-level recognitions in order to attract new members. She also mentioned how the "mini-grants" that we are currently providing to teachers will hopefully promote our group and our goals with "future retirees".

Quality of Life

Wednesday workshops continue on line for any retiree interested in participating. Check emails for the topics and times of these workshops.

Other Business

It was decided that at the next meeting on February 12, 2025 we would participate in only one fund raising effort –the Dollars for Honors prize which will be donated by Kathy Day-Ketel. The future of the silent auction basket will continue to be an item of discussion during February's meeting.

Adjournment

Julia Thorn moved to adjourn and June Merrill seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:11PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day-Ketel