

DCCCD Retirees Association

Leadership Group Meeting at District Office

January 13, 2020

The DCCCD Retirees Association Leadership Group meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Rodger Bennett. Those present were Rodger Bennett, Dottie Clark, Karen Laljiani, Delryn Fleming, Georgia Francis, Donna Strain, Don Baynham, Rosie Steffen, Bette Plog, and Lisa Theriot.

Minutes from the September 5th and December 10th meetings were presented with edits and approved.

Old Business

Dottie Clark and Don Baynham presented an update on their work with the District about the Privacy Protection Act as it applies to association members. They met with Perla Molina, District HR, who consulted with District Legal Counsel. Because the association receives funding from the District, it is considered a Public Entity and falls within the Freedom of Information Act. It was decided that a form be mailed with the Spring Newsletter to all members that allows members, who wish to do so, to direct the District to withhold their private information from Freedom of Information Act requests. Going forward, all retiring DCCCD employees will receive this form at their exit interview so all members will have received the notice. Rodger will contact Johnathan Blundell to have this information added to the Retiree Association website. Reminders will also be placed in the summer and fall newsletters that reference the website.

Delryn Fleming presented a Treasurer's Report for the past quarter. Expenses included the Holiday Luncheon (\$1,640), the Globe Life Field Tour deposit (\$200), and printing and postage for the directory (\$1,685.47). We have added 12 additional Lifetime Members and 44 annual memberships so far in 2020.

The association also received \$795 in scholarship donations. Of this scholarship amount, \$235 was from additional donations by members, \$410 was from dues collected, and \$150 was for an honorary scholarship in memory of Dr. Lassiter.

Since the Foundation has not currently created a designated scholarship fund under Dr. Lassiter's name, it was decided that this money be allocated to the DCCCD Retiree's Scholarship account. If a fund is created in the future, the Association Leadership Committee could decide to transfer these funds into it.

New Business

Rodger Bennett suggested that the leadership group set up a joint calendar for meetings and other events. He will look into what is available on the District website or possibly a Google calendar. There was also a discussion of future meetings for this group. It was decided that we will meet in May and late August or early September in coordination with newsletter editor Susan Turner's schedule. (Rodger has subsequently scheduled a meeting for 1:30 p.m. on March 23rd at the LeCroy Center, in Room 125.

Rodger Bennett discussed a conversation he had with Jesse Jones, the Chair of the Nominating Committee for new officers. Jessie has some concerns about the process. One concern related to a member's interest in being an officer. It was mentioned that we used to make a request in the Summer Newsletter that members forward names to the committee of people they thought would be good and willing officers for the association.

Rodger Bennett said that he would be meeting with Pam Quinn, Jennifer Wimbish, and Jean Conway soon to discuss expanding opportunities for association members to give back to the DCCCD. The thought is that the District should be actively looking to the association to tap into their expertise.

The group discussed providing better communication with members through the use of MyPortal or SharePoint when it comes online.

The group discussed the process for review of Retiree Hall of Honor Awardees. This past year the committee consisted of Dottie Clark, Lisa Theriot, and Jerry McElveen. Lisa Theriot and Dottie Clark have agreed to serve in this capacity again next year. (Rodger subsequently asked Terri Edrich – BHC HR to serve and she has agreed.)

Rosie Steffen discussed some upcoming activities that she is organizing. The Spring Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 2nd at El Centro College. The food

theme will be New England cuisine. The Derby Day Horse Races will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at Lone Star Park. The Association has guaranteed that at least 40 people will attend. There is always a lovely buffet, separate betting windows, and prime seating at the finish line for our group. The cost this year is \$52.00. Members must register and pay by April 3rd.

There was a discussion about how to provide more marketing for events sponsored by the association. Georgia will check with ECC culinary faculty to see if we can stream photos from recent events during the business meeting at the Spring Luncheon.

Dottie Clark made a proposal that Don Baynham be formally added to the Leadership Committee. Don is a longtime member and provides tours of historical sites for the association. Delryn Fleming seconded the proposal and it passed unanimously.

Bette Plog proposed that we be able to approve meeting minutes by email. It was decided that Lisa Theriot send draft minutes to Rodger who will send them out to the Leadership Group to make any changes and then he will send them out again for approval.

Rodger discussed the idea of having a concert for the association members in February at Brookhaven. We discussed charging a nominal fee that would provide payment for the pianist. It was decided to plan on February 10th or 17th in the early afternoon. Rodger will check with Brookhaven for a space.

Announcement of this event will be sent to Association members via email.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Theriot, Secretary

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