

Minutes
GPC/DeKalb College Retiree Association
Quarterly Meeting May 9, 2012
Clarkston Campus
CN2220

12:00 Noon: Brown Bag Lunch and Conversation

The business session opened promptly at 1:00. It was moderated by Betty Molloy who requested that all members introduce themselves.

- Minutes of the February 8th meeting had been distributed. The members were given the opportunity to review the minutes. Secretary Carter asked if there were any changes to be made. Howard Silverstein moved to accept the minutes as written. Mary Sanders seconded the motion. All approved.
- Betty Molloy explained the Treasurer's Report- that had also been distributed prior to the meeting. She mentioned that of possibly 400 living retirees of GPC, the Association has 177 paid members. The treasury has \$3501.77 in paid dues. The money for refreshments for the quarterly meetings comes out these funds- The scholarship fund has \$12,602.27. Pres. Molloy differentiated between the endowed/ permanent funds which continue to generate funds for future scholarships and the temporary funds from which the \$1250 scholarship is awarded. She mentioned the Auction held during the previous year and the vast amount of work required for this fund-raising event. She suggested that there was discussion of having, instead, this year a holiday party in December that would provide some fund raising. Howard Silverstein moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; T.J. Anderson seconded the motion and all approved.

There was a brief interruption of the business session as Vicki Carew spoke by telephone to the members about the fact that, though there is a freeze on funding, this does not apply to private monies. Therefore GPCRA money from dues and fundraising will not be affected; the scholarship for this year will be awarded. Another clean audit is expected.

- Betty Molloy gave the President's report. She mentioned the meeting of the Executive Committee. She introduced Mary Saunders and reminded members of the importance of paying dues. She told of the Okefenokee Swamp field trip (A photo gallery of the trip had been shown earlier as members ate their lunches). President Molloy said that the next field trip will be in the Fall. Members can visit Harris Green's home at Big Canoe. Betty Molloy told of the recent GaHero meeting and distributed flyers describing the benefits of GPCRA joining AROHE. She reminded members to get their Retiree I.D.s and parking stickers. Vicki Carew is working on procuring more benefits for retirees. President Molloy mentioned that Sandy Waller leads the book club and that the next meeting will be at Manuel's Tavern at 12:30 on May 16th. Finally she told how to access the Retiree Website from the GPC home page.
- Bari Haskins-Jackson described the proposed activities for the membership. As Vice President, she plans programs and social activities along with Ron Swofford, Karen Taylor and Mary Sanders. She said that the next quarterly meeting on August 8th will focus on Medicare and Retiree Financing. The fall meeting on October 10th will be the annual benefits meeting. She gave a bit more information about the Holiday party which is scheduled for December 7th in the CA atrium. V.Pres. Jackson proposed that a program in 2013 might feature volunteer activities of members. More information was given about the planned trip to Big Canoe. There will also be an opportunity to visit the famed 220 acre Gibb's Garden. Seco de Lucena suggested that a survey be made available to determine the interests of members.
- There was a vote as to whether GPCRA would join AROHE. All voted in favor of spending the \$100 for membership.

The program -"Show and Share" – was introduced by V. President Bari Haskins Jackson. Each presenter had been asked to give their inspiration for their interest, their process, and finally the product.

The first presenter was Laura Breedlove. She described her jewelry making. In addition she displayed some of her creations, told where to access materials and how to actually create the jewelry.

Next Faye Tate presented her quilts. She told about how she developed her interest in quilting, where she obtained her materials, how she made the quilts, and for whom some of the quilts had been made.

Then Harris Green told how he developed his interest while serving as faculty advisor of the Creative Writing Club in the late '80s. After retirement he founded a Writer's Guild in Big Canoe. Finally he told of the development of his novel, ChinaBerry Summer, based upon his childhood in Alabama. He spoke of the painstaking process of writing and mentioned the difficulty of publishing one's works.

Finally Bari Haskins-Jackson presented her "Dollicious Dames" which are dolls that she has created. She told why she began making the dolls in the first place and the wide distribution of her creations. She presented a video of her dolls and their names.

After all the presentations, members asked many questions related to the presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 after members were reminded to obtain their I.D.s and parking passes and members were asked to gather for a group picture.

Next meeting: August 8, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Carter