

Minutes  
GPC/DeKalb College Retiree Association  
Quarterly Meeting – May 8, 2013  
Clarkston Campus  
CN2220

12:00 Noon: Brown Bag Lunch and Conversation

The business session of the meeting was opened at 1:00. President Betty Molloy moderated the meeting.

- **Secretary's Report:**

Catherine Carter presented the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Quarterly meeting. After Carter asked if there were any changes to be made, Howard Silverstein moved to accept the minutes as read and Bari Erin Hart seconded the motion.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mary Sanders presented the reports showing membership changes since the last meeting. The report showed an endowed portion equal to \$18,886 and a Temporary portion equal to \$1445.16 making a total of \$20,331.16

- **President's Report :**

Betty Molloy reported that there were 21 attendees at the Gibbs Garden field trip; seven were GPC retirees. A slide presentation of the event was shown. Molloy also mentioned that a visit to the local Hindu Temple received the most recommendations for the next field trip.

Molloy reported that there are 100 dues-paying members. In an effort reach more of the 400+ retirees and to keep in touch with members, emails are sent by Ron Swofford, cards and three newsletters are mailed to retirees.

Molloy reminded members of the May 19<sup>th</sup> presentation by the The Thoroughly Moving Senior Ensemble presents "Rose Between our Teeth" in the Cole Auditorium.

Betty Molloy mentioned the Ga. Hero meeting at Kennesaw University on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The By-Laws passed at that meeting included a requirement that member organizations must be members of AHROE and pay a \$100 membership which is due July 1, 2013. Ronda Karelitz moved to approve this payment. Howard Silverstein seconded the motion.

Molloy called on Sandi Waller to give update on Book Club activities. Waller mentioned the books read and discussed recently; she mentioned that the next meeting will feature *Gone Girl* at Chris' Pizza at 12:30 on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next item to be discussed was a proposal to change By-Laws of the organization. The name was changed to bring the name of the association and the name of the scholarship endowed by the association more in alignment. Another change to be made was to show that new officers “shall take office beginning January 1 following the fall meeting at which they are elected.” Barabara Nipp asked about the fiscal year – July to July. All approved both proposals.

President Molloy announced that the Nominations Committee – Bob McDonough, Mary Sanders and Sandi Waller – need suggestions for potential officers.

The next program on August 7<sup>th</sup> will focus on volunteerism of members. The October meeting will feature Open Enrollment.

V. President Bari-Haskins-Jackson introduced the meeting’s program, “Show and Share.”

Janet Barron, who retired from GPC recruiting, discussed her interest in coordination and organization skills; she decided to use her skills in service ventures. Her business, JaBarrCo, LLC, has facilitated a free community resource fair, various vendor fairs and extravaganzas, retreats, self-help workshops on topics including health and finances. Other ventures include honor programs, promotion of vendors, anniversaries and birthday parties. Of special interest is Janet Barron’s book scholarship program, begun while working in recruitment. Her annual Little Black Dress party supports this program. It includes a silent auction, a purse swap, and photography contests. The entrance fee is one’s shoe size. Barron advertizes events she organizes and facilitates using an email contact list of over 1000.

Next, Ron Swofford presented his interest in the mysterious light phenomena. Years ago, around 1950, on a trip with his parents, Swofford and his family had an encounter with these “Brown Mountain lights” in a wilderness area fifteen to twenty miles west of Morganton and south of Sugar Mtn. The orange, basketball-size lights appeared to emerge from the top of the ground. They bobbed, weaved, rose and then split into more lights before beginning again. Today, dozens of scientists and prospectors have been studying these mysterious lights. Now they have photography equipment to record encounters. Dr. Swofford’s role is to confirm historical references to observations of these lights.

Finally, Haskiins-Jackson read poems written by Lawrence Hetrick.

Members were reminded of the next Quarterly meeting on August 7, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Carter, Secretary