

General Membership Meeting
Douglas County Federation of Retired Teachers & Educators
Acres Green Library
January 7, 2010

Call to Order:

Joanne Slanovich called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Acres Green Elementary Library.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved as amended. Correction was made to the spelling of Greg Spearman's last name.

General Business:

Greg Spearman from Liberty Mutual Insurance outlined the benefits and discounts his company can offer members of the DCFRTE. He offered members free quotes on multiple kinds of insurance offered by his company.

Joanne Slanovich outlined the efforts of the Colorado Coalition for Retirement Security-PERA security. The coalition will be working with the legislature to help pass new legislation to secure the PERA Retirement system. It will ideally be passed by March 1, 2010. Any changes made after that date will not effect current COLA for current retirees. DCFRTE members will be asked to help with lobbying the legislature in the near future.

Joanne Slanovich reported on the Membership Recruitment program. She called for a volunteer effort in March 2010 by current DCFRTE members to hand write recruitment postcards, as a personal touch, to interest potential new members. The DCFRTE will also be attending spring 2010 district retirement information meetings for potential members.

Joanne Slanovich presented our beautifully framed official charter. Founding members were listed on a separate document attached to the back of the charter. It will be kept at the DCFT office.

Grace Slanovich, chairman of the Social Committee, reported on a successful December trip by members to the Hammond Candy Factory. Both the Denver Botanic Gardens picnic and the Hudson Gardens trips were canceled due to rain and cold weather. Possibilities for another social event in late February or the first week of March were discussed. The Art Gallery Walk on South Santa Fe was suggested for our first social event of 2010. Members were encouraged to contact Joanne with ideas for events as well as notification of free days to such locations as the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Zoo, etc. These free days would then be e-mailed to all members by Joanne.

Items from the floor:

Karen Barrett raised a concern about reports from teachers and school staff that retired teachers were to be denied access to substitute jobs because they are paid more than out-of-district substitutes. Joanne said she would talk with Doug Hartman to determine if that is the case and also ask if the hiring policy next year will dictate no requests by Douglas County teachers for specific substitutes next year.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.