

GO TEAM GO
South Dakota Retired School Personnel
State Convention
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD
May 8-9, 2019

Tuesday, May 8, 2019

79 members attended the convention from 14 units within the state. President Ron Riherd called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President Ron Riherd introduced the Roger Trennepohl, our motivational speaker. He told the Retired School Personnel that we all have a part in helping students and others to become their very best and to keep moving.

Mary Johnson from Pierre introduced the Mayor of Pierre, and he gave us a welcome to Pierre and what we could see in the city of Pierre.

Roll Call was taken with the following personnel: Aberdeen 1, Black Hills 16, Madison 2, Milbank 3, Northern Hills 2, Phillip 4, Pierre 9, Redfield 2, Sioux Falls 1, Vermillion 2, Watertown 6, Yankton 2.

At break, door prizes were drawn.

Ginger Larsen, Retired Teacher from Yankton, gave a talk about History of Girls' Sports.

Lily Liu gave a presentation on care giving and care givers.

Following dinner, President Ron Riherd presented the awards.

Joanna Jones gave her report on Volunteer hours. The SDRSP volunteered 40,177 hours with a benefit of 3.8 million dollars. She presented the Governor with a check for that amount.

Sdrsp.org web site has been updated by Bill Zubke.

Membership reports that we are down 60 members from last year.

Scholarship report by Rhonda Preller. The Scholarship Fund was started in 2011 with one \$1000 scholarship and now we give two. The recipients are: Amanda Bauer, 2nd grade teacher from the Horace Mann School in Rapid City which will be presented by Ron Riherd on Thursday the 9th, and Ashley Lucbec of Milbank, a Special Education Teacher presented by Rhonda Preller.

Donna Fischer said they had 1191 5th graders from 13 units write about a grandparent. First place from Madison, second from Aberdeen, and third from Northern Hills (Belle Fourche).

Lily Liu gave us a talk and slides on the History of SDRSP/NRTA/AARP and how we can work together.

Wednesday, May 9, 2019

Wednesday morning at 7:30, President Ron Riherd called the unit presidents' meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call of units. There were 13 units that were present. Ron reminded units of being able to apply for \$100 membership promotion. The forms were passed out by Treasurer Pat Johnson.

The memorial service began the morning session.

Secretary reports were read and approved.

Cathy Zubke explained the membership list codes and how the unit total was achieved. Total members are 911, down 60 from last year.

Bill Zubke explained the change in by-laws.

Cathy Zubke will leave the membership committee after 14 years, Paula Brakke will take her place.

Ron Riherd invited everyone to next year's convention in Deadwood at the Lodge. The Executive Board Meeting is on July 15 at 10:30 am at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre. The Regional Workshops are August 13 in Rapid City at the AARP room at Rushmore Mall at 10:00 am with President Ron Riherd; the Regional Workshop in Brookings is on August 13 at 1:00 pm at the Touchdown Jesus Church with President Elect Rhonda Preller conducting the meeting.

The newsletter for the Convention should come out by June 1 so everyone can be informed on what took place.

Treasurer Pat Johnson presented the budget information. A budget of \$20,800 was approved for the 2019-2020 year. The Scholarship Fund has \$11,237.69 after paying the two \$1000 scholarships for this year. The Horace Mann Account as of 4/29/19 is \$40,093.75. Her report was accepted by the membership.

Olli (classes for the elderly) was discussed for retired teachers in some of the cities.

Eric Gaikowski gave information on how we could bring Retired School Personnel and AARP members together. It would help each group gain more members. Let people know that NRTA is a Parent Organization of the AARP and how we can do programs together to benefit all.

Meeting adjourned.

Rob Wylie talked about our retirement, and it was recognized as Rob Wylie Day, as he will retire in December. He assured us that the retirement was in good hands.

The grandparents, parents and student were all recognized at the noon luncheon while she read her essay.

The Traveling Trophy went to Black Hills.

See everyone in Deadwood in 2020.