

Minutes for South Dakota Retired School Personnel

May 1-3, 2017

Deadwood, SD – “The Wizard of Odds”

Tuesday: May 2, 2017

74 members were present from 14 Units within the state. President Bill Zubke called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor of Deadwood welcomed the group to the Hills and the Superintendent of Schools of Lead/Deadwood, Dr. Dan Leikvold, also spoke to the audience. Co-Hosts from the Northern Hills, Judy Watkins and Connie Hyde, presented Bill with a huge Buffalo Chip clock and we moved on.

Joanna introduced the special speakers for the first session of the day and she would also be one of the special speakers.

Paul Higbee, an author for the South Dakota Magazine since 1985, was the first speaker and he entertained us with stories of past columns written and people he had met along the way. He commented on columns which generated the most mail in his box and told anecdotal information about some of our most famous South Dakotans.

Dick Termes is a world renowned artist from Spearfish who uses spheres to show his artistic abilities. They are beautiful and complicated spiraling balls. All have six point perspective and many of his works have been turned into puzzles for the challenged mind.

Joanna Jones – presented History through literature. She moved through four books, that she had written, to show the audience how kids learn through experience. She then graciously gave copies of those books to all in attendance. The meeting recessed until 6:00 PM.

Dinner was next, starting at 6:00 PM and first on the agenda were the thankyou's to the Hills Committee for planning a wonderful convention. They included: Connie Hyde, Shiela Powell, Francis Sanders, Arlene Termis, Lynn McFarland, and Joanna Jones.

An award was presented to Rebecca Fisher of the Black Hills Chapter for outstanding service and accepted by LeRee Mays.

Entertainment for the evening was Sarah Carlson who presented information about the beginning gold mine in the area and the opera house built by the Hearst Family that initially seated one thousand people. The opera house burned down in 1914 and the house is being redone to eventually seat seven hundred and eighty people. Sarah also sang songs like a night club singer in the 60s and it was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was recessed for the evening to begin the next morning at 7:30 AM for a meeting of the leaders of the units in South Dakota.

Topics Covered:

Best Programs from the locals

- ✓ -Yoga
- ✓ Tour of Homestake mine
- ✓ Chantel Crebs
- ✓ Bus Tour of Fr. Pierre
- ✓ Betsy DeLouch – One Room School
- ✓ I'm not going back to School Party
- ✓ Other cultures
- ✓ Aging and the brain
- ✓ Aging and the eyes of aging
- ✓ Archeryj
- ✓ Boys and Girls club
- ✓ Local Pharmacist presented
- ✓ Geneology

Membership update by Cathy Zuble

Treasury infor – Pat Johnson

Scholarship fund

Community Service by all groups – Joanna Jones

Newsletter Set

Second Session: Started at 9:00 AM

-Following our memorial service, the meeting came to order.

-Minutes approved as Posted on the web

-Treasurer: Pat Johnson gave info on Treasury numbers. Budget for 2017-18 of \$18,900 was approved by the body. The scholarship fund stands at \$12,962.53. The total assets of the SDRSP stands at \$55,962.53.

-Cathy Zubke reported on membership and mentioned all should keep recruiting members for the coming year.

-Diana Glover reported on the Newsletter and mentioned deadlines for submitting are the 1st of November and 1st of February. The newsletter and the membership will be sent by email because of the cost saving. Talk to your membership if members can't get access.

-Nancy May is the new Executive Director and her main interest is staying up with the Pension fund.

-The Florence Krieger Award Information can be found at: www.sdrsp.org

-Community Service: Joanna Jones reported that this past year members of the SDRSP volunteered for 64,000 plus hours of their free time to good causes.

-Scholarship: This year recipients of the scholarship monies were: Tiffany Beste from Watertown, and Katie Kruse from Yankton.

-Mature Business:- none

New Business included the dates of the 2018 Convention to be held in Sioux Falls on May 1st and 2nd. Theme for 2018 will be: "Hooray for Hollywood."

Meeting was adjourned.

Other program events were:

AARP – with Erik Gaikowski who discussed the benefits for members and his goal for the year is to expand AARP outside of big city populations in South Dakota.

SDRS:

-Included information about benefits and hybrid benefits. At present the SDRS is one of the top systems in the nation. There are 40,000 Active members.

-Objective of the fund are: 1. Sustainability 2. Fully funded 3. Legally done to keep viable.

Following lunch, the winning grandparent essay was read, final thoughts were presented, and the assembly was over for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kroll