

PARADISE TVARA CHAPTER MINUTES
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING
March 14, 2017

Chapter President Gary Southerland called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Barry Barnard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Osborne.

The group was encouraged to leave tips for the waitresses to show the group's appreciation for their service.

A reminder was given to pay 2017 dues to Sue Bartlett. Paying dues on time helps save money for the TVARA organization as up to 3 reminders are sent to those who are late with dues.

One new retiree was in attendance. The group welcomed Donnie Piper to the Paradise Chapter.

Earl Jones, a retiree attending a meeting for the first time was also welcomed. Earl's wife Mary also attended.

Charles Perry read a list of retirees he has sent or will send cards to.

David and Sharon Winn – death in family

Donnie Webster – health issues

Carl White – death in family

Sally Brown – husband Nuel "Frog" Brown passed

Pete Sinks – death in family

Jim Bivins – death in family

Lewis Conger death in family

David Bolton – death in family

Tommy Robinson - death in family

Phil Davis – death in family and health issues

Bob Newman – health issues

Ronald Hollman – (wife Linda health issues)

Frank Fox – (wife Ruby health issues)

Randal Covington – health issues

Philip Embry – health issues

Pat Cobb – (son health issues)

Teresa and Scott Gardner – Death in Family

James Davison – health issues

Richard Moeller – health issues

David and Helen Henry (Helen – health issues)

W.T. Doss – health issues

Darrell Smith – health issues

Dennis Curry – health issues

Charles Carroll – death in family

Larry Miller – health issues

Gerald and Lynn Joines – both with health issues

Donald Oakley – health issues

David Penrod – health issues

James C. Kassinger – health issues

Todd Peveler – health issues

Danny Fuller – health issues

Donald Roberson – health issues

Sally Washburn – death in family

Jimmy Boyd – death in family

Sue Bartlett said she had received thank you cards from the Salvation Army, St. Judes and Wounded Warriors acknowledging the Paradise Chapter Christmas donations to these organizations.

Reading of the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting was suspended as they had been sent to members by e-mail. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried. A copy of the minutes is always available at the meeting for review.

Sue Bartlett presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning balance 815.88

Deposits 960.00

Checks written 1150.00

Balance 625.88

She stated a check for \$1,065.00 was received from TVARA which has not been added to the balance yet.

The \$25 door prize was won by Frank N. Poole. Extra giveaway items were given to Terry Settle, Darrell Eubank, Buddy Johnson and Barry Barnard

The Volunteer Advisory Committee met March 6 at DQ in Central City. They recommended having the annual Chapter picnic September 12. A motion was made and seconded to have the picnic September 12. The committee also recommended forming a picnic committee to find a place and menu and work out other details for the picnic and bring information back to the June Chapter meeting for a vote by the group. Volunteers on the picnic committee are Donnie Webster, Betty Woodlee, Larry Dunn, Jerry Hargrove. Anyone else who would like to serve on the picnic committee can contact any of the above members or Gary Southerland for info.

The group was asked if there were any health insurance issues. There was some discussion on health care credits and options of how to use them. Otherwise there were no comments and all seems to be working well.

Gary reviewed the TVARA Board minutes which had been sent to all Chapter members who have e-mail. The TVARA Board conducted its February meeting by conference call. The membership report stated there are 22,000 retirees and it is predicted that 9500 will become members by the end of the year. Paradise has 476 members listed. The question was raised as to how many Paradise retirees there are. Gary Southerland said he would try to find this out.

It was noted the TVA board is made up of 9 members. At present there are 3 openings and 2 more members' terms will expire at end of May. The board has a new chairman, Lynn Evans. Lynn is the first female and first African-American to hold the chairman's position.

The TVARA Board minutes stated there is an executive order on hiring freeze and TVA will not be adding any new hires except for special circumstances.

A report was given on the generation mix percentages as follows: coal was 27%, nuclear was 41%, natural gas was 14%, TVA owned or purchased renewables were 9% and TVA non-renewable purchases were 9%.

A One Exchange insurance report was given. The enrollment population for insurance was 15,000. 87% of those enrolled in some health plan through One Exchange. Another 2% enrolled in some other form of insurance, i.e. dental, vision etc. but not a medical plan. All but 155 of the 15,000 were contacted. Those 155 were filtered out to the corresponding chapters to attempt to make contact. Paradise had 4 and 3 of those were contacted or accounted for. The other person was thought to not be from the Paradise Chapter.

The retirement system update was given. At the end of December 2016 the system had \$7.1 billion in assets. The fiscal year rate of return was 11.2%. The system earned \$730 million on investments and paid out \$700 million in benefits. TVA's annual contribution of \$300 million is paid in \$25 million monthly payments.

Gary Southerland encouraged the Paradise members to check out the mytvvara.org website. This site has a variety of information for retirees. It also has a page for each chapter to post its own info. At this time only 3 of the 20 retiree chapters has an administrator for its page. Paradise Chapter's administrator is Pat Cobb. She will be posting pictures, minutes and upcoming information about the Paradise Chapter.

The TVARA Board's new president is Dewitt Burleson. He stated at the Board meeting that he intends to attend at least 4 chapter meetings this year. It was suggested that Paradise might invite him to our September picnic.

Mike Moseley shared information about the National Retiree Legislative Network. Both the 2017 NRLN Legislative Agenda and a list of 2016 highlights were sent to Paradise Chapter members previously. The NRLN addresses concerns of retirees who retired from 168 U.S. companies and public entities. He stated that there is no membership fee to join the NRLN but annual donations are accepted to help cover costs. Further information about the organization and how to join may be obtained at nrln.org.

Mike suggested that there needs to be a way for the 20 TVARA chapters to share their meeting minutes and information with the TVARA board and with other chapters' leaders and also that Chapter leaders should send suggestions to the TVARA board as to issues the retirees are concerned with and these suggestions then could be part of the agenda the TVARA board focuses on as accomplishment for the year.

Gary asked the group for any suggestions for BVI projects. Donald Phelps and Jerry Hargrove spoke about the need for work at Lake Malone boat docks. The state recently closed the boat dock area and the state, at this time, does not want to fund the rebuilding so a group known as "Friends of Lake Malone State Park" has organized to rebuild the docks. The cost is estimated at \$250,000. So far they have raised \$225,000. A motion was made and seconded for the Paradise Chapter to donate \$100 to the Friends of Lake Malone. Motion passed. Several members gave additional donations to this project. It was noted that the state would do the work on the docks but Jerry said there are footbridges and guardrail posts on some trails on which TVA retirees might work. Gary directed Donald and Jerry to determine how the Chapter members could participate. In order to receive BVI funds, a description of the project and costs of materials must be

submitted to the BVI director for approval. Donald and Jerry were asked to give Gary this information so he could apply for BVI funds. Gary also asked the group to consider other projects in which we might participate.

Gary mentioned that a historical DVD celebrating the 80 year history of Norris Dam is available. It is titled "For the Greater Good: Norris Dam at 80". Cost is \$20 and may be obtained by calling 865-637-1010.

TVARA President, Dewitt Burlison wants to do an article for a future newsletter about retirees who serve the public through elected or appointed roles in government. A sign-up sheet is available or Gary Southerland may be contacted with this information.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Next regular meeting will be June 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Southerland, TVARA Paradise Chapter Secretary

Those in attendance:

Jerry Basler	Sue Bartlett
Jackie Tucker	Frank Poole
Terry Wink	Sandy Priddy
Danny Lynch	Donald Geary
Shirley Jarvis	David W. Bailey
Patricia Cobb	Linda Bailey
Mike Moseley	Tommy Latham
Dennis Curry	Nell Latham
Jimmy Ramage	Carrol Grundy
Tony Epley	Rick Kassinger
Jerry Hargrove	Barry Barnard
Hugh Evans	Terry Southerland
James Manahan	Frank Fox
Steven Staples	Bill Osborne
Charles Davison	Roy McManaway
Anthony Arnold	Dean McManaway
Earl Jones	Joe Travis
Mary Jones	Danny Walker
Donnie Piper	Donald Phelps
Terry Settle	Betty Woodlee
Larry Dunn	Louis Travis
Darrell Eubank	Gary Southerland
Lindel Arnold	Anita Southerland
Marvin Embry	Buddy Johnson
Charles Perry	Loye Hammers
Steve Layne	
Greg Martin	
Bobby Neal	