

PARADISE TVARA CHAPTER MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2017

Chapter President Gary Southerland called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by David Grace.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bobby Neal.

Gary welcomed the group. There were no new retirees present. However, retiree Marcus Sparks was present for the first time.

A reminder was given to pay 2018 dues to Treasurer Sue Bartlett.

Charles Perry thanked everyone for their donations at the annual picnic of money, cards and stamps for the card ministry. After buying the needed supplies, there was \$125 left and that was deposited into the treasury.

Charles then read a list of those with health problems or who have had a death in the family since the September meeting. Cards have been or will be sent.

David Sims – health problems	Lonnie & Kathy Turley – death in immediate family
Andy Tutko – health problems	Roger & Becky Wright – death in immediate family
Jeff McPherson – health problems	Harold O’Brien – death in immediate family
Bob Beasley – health problems	J.B. & Fran Hunt – death in immediate family
Jr & Sandy Priddy – health problems	Tom & Janet Calvert – death in immediate family
Ronald Weathers – health problems	Danny Mayhugh family – Danny passed
Carroll Daniel – health problems	Morgan Duncan family – Morgan passed
David and Linda Bailey – health problems	Donnie and Vonda Webster – death in immediate family
Shirley Jarvis (Jimmy’s wife) – health problems	David and Kathy Craig – death in immediate family
Kelly Fleming – health problems	Eric Kessinger family – Eric passed
Larry Johnson – death in immediate family	Tommy Estes Sr & Tommy Estes Jr. – death in family

Gary Southerland stated there had been 40 deaths (retirees or family associated with retirees) within the Paradise Chapter in 2017. He then read a list of these people in remembrance. It was also noted that there was a fatality at the Shawnee plant in coal handling last weekend. Prayers were requested for this situation.

Gary asked that all in attendance show their appreciation to the Catfish Dock and their wait staff by leaving tips.

The minutes from the Annual Picnic were sent out by e-mail to all retirees. A motion was made and seconded to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as they were sent out. Motion passed.

Sue Bartlett, treasurer gave a report as follows: Beginning balance: \$1979.98, Deposits:\$971.00 (from the picnic), Expenditures: \$2157.00 Balance as of 12/12/17 \$793.98. Sue stated she also had a \$48.00 check from TVARA and the \$125.00 Charles Perry gave her for the card ministry which has not been deposited as yet.

Two names were drawn for door prizes. Earl Jones and Ron Weathers each won \$25.

A BVI project was suggested by Tommy Latham. He said the Muhlenberg food pantry “Hope to All” in Drakesboro needs work on the bathroom. A motion was made and seconded to proceed the process. Bruce Lee

volunteered to check out the work needed and make a list of materials needed and costs to submit to BVI for funding.

Gary Southerland reviewed minutes of the TVARA Board meeting held November 2, 2017 in Nashville. TVARA President Dewitt Burleson said he had been visiting various TVARA Chapters and mentioned Paradise as an outstanding chapter. The banner and placemats from the Paradise picnic were displayed for the TVARA board to see. Paradise BVI projects were also pointed out because they have had so many different community groups involved with the work. There was also an article in the December TVARA newsletter about the Paradise trail bridge project last summer.

It was noted that TVARS Board has been made up of 7 members – 3 TVA, 3 employees and 1 chosen by the other 6. From now on the 7th person will be a retiree but it is uncertain how that retiree will be chosen. Sam Delay is the newest employee Board Member as of November 1, 2017. He will serve a 3 year term.

Beginning January 1, 2018 when a retiree's check is deposited in the retiree's bank it will be noted on the retiree's bank statement as deposited from BNYM (Bank New York Mellon) instead of TVA Pension Direct Deposit as it has been noted. Retirees will receive a confirmation notice – an "advice of deposit" - when the direct deposit is sent to the retirees bank. **Retirees are told to be sure to retain the first advice of deposit, as it contains information needed to access the new web-based services.**

Investment returns for fiscal year ending Sept. 30 were 10.5% which beat the goal of 9.5%. As of September 2017, the financials of fiscal year indicate investment returns were \$750 million and total TVA contributions were \$800 million. It takes \$700 million/year to pay retirees now. At present there is 7.989 billion in the retirement system. It is over 80% funded. These figures are considered preliminary as final results are not yet available. COLA for 2018 will be 1.84%.

TVA Board has 4 new board member nominations. One of them is Kenny Allen from White Plains, KY who was Executive Vice President of Operation at Armstrong Coal Company.

Retirees have until December 15, 2017 to enroll in dental insurance plan. The plan offers immediate coverage for preventative services but enrollee must wait 6 months for major dental services.

Jennifer Beckett, Senior Program Manager for TVA Healthcare plans said they are wanting an under 65 year old from each Chapter to be on the Insurance Committee. Non-Medicare participant information shared by Jennifer was that prior authorization is required for certain procedures such as CT scans, MRIs, Pet scans and advanced imaging services. New cards issued in December will note this need on the back of the card. Chiropractic services are limited to 20 visits per year. The deductible on the CDHP plan increased to \$1350 for an individual plan and \$2700 for the family plan. CDHP premiums went up for individuals to \$418 and families to \$995. Premiums on the 80% plan increased to \$702 for individuals and to \$1068 for family plans.

Election of officers for 2018 was held for the Paradise Chapter. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect the same slate of officers. No other nominations were made. Motion passed. Officers for 2018:

President – Gary Southerland
Vice President – Darrell Sisk
Secretary – Anita Southerland

Treasurer – Sue Bartlett

Gary and Anita stated this would be their last year to serve. Sue Bartlett also expressed a desire to be replaced in 2019.

A motion was made and seconded for the Chapter to give \$100 each to the following organizations: Salvation Army, Paradise Toys for Tots, Wounded Warriors and St. Jude's. The motion also included that Chapter members donate towards this giving and the Chapter would make up any deficit for the \$400 donation. Motion passed.

Pat Cobb asked if the Chapter would like to participate in a food drive for the Mercy Ministry at Duvall's Chapel Church. A motion was made and seconded for individuals attending Chapter meetings to bring non-perishable food items to each meeting to be given to the Mercy Ministry food distribution. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Respectfully submitted,

Anita Southerland
Chapter Secretary

Those in attendance at the meeting:

James Mannahan	Terry Southerland
Wallace Loyd	Tommy Latham
Tommy Calvert	Nell Latham
Charles Hicks	Bobby Hunt
Billy Wilson	Ronald Weathers
Jimmy Ramage	Sue Bartlett
Larry Johnson	Tony Epley
Dennis Curry	Terrell Snodgrass
Louis Travis	Jackie Lee
Terry Meredith	Bruce Lee
Earl Jones	Jackie Sommers
Danny Walker	Larry Miller
W.T. Doss	Charles Perry
Larry Dunn	Bud Miller
Jerry Hargrove	Loye Hammers
Darrell Eubank	Steve Brothers
Patricia Cobb	Terry Wink
Robert Moore	Sandy Priddy
Mark Sparks	Cheryl Brothers
Bobby Neal	Buddy Johnson
Barry Barnard	Gary Southerland
Randall Garst	Anita Southerland
David Grace	Mary Jones
Doris Grace	Darrell Sisk
Greg Martin	Angela Epley

