

PARADISE TVARA CHAPTER MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2018

President Gary Southerland called the meeting to order.

The invocation was offered by Charles Perry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Southerland.

One new retiree was present – David “Doc” Meier.

Charles Perry read a list of people who had been sent cards since the March meeting as follows:

Thomas Estes – Passed	Dora Mercer – health problems	Moot Moore – health problems
Malcolm Nelson – death in family	Barbara Peveler – death in family	Doug Odle – death in family
Tim Langford – Passed	James Kassinger – Passed	James Dennis – health problems
Steve & Renae Layne – health problems in family		Bobby Everly – death in family
Gordon & Pam McKee – health problems & death in family		Bobby Neal – death in family
Dorothy Jean & Jimmy Vincent – death in family		Pete Winters – Passed

Others mentioned for prayer and cards were Harold Fox, Mary Craft and Robert King.

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the March meeting. Motion passed.

Sue Bartlett presented the treasurer’s report as follows:

Beginning Balance	976.98
Deposits	4013.00
Checks written	1443.24
Balance	3546.74

BVI Balance	1656.76
-------------	---------

Paradise Chap Bal	1889.98
-------------------	---------

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

The door prize drawing was won by Mark Sparks.

Tommy Latham made a report on the Drakesboro Food Pantry Project. He stated several TVA retirees worked to restore the bathrooms at the Food Pantry. All new water lines, new faucets, commodes and floor covering were installed. Also the bathrooms now have both hot and cold running water. The people at the pantry stated it was an excellent job. The project also came in under budget.

The Paradise Chapter Advisory Committee met with the picnic committee (Charles Hicks, Betty Woodlee, Pete Sinks, Jackie Lee, Donnie Webster and Danny Walker) to discuss plans for the annual picnic which will be September 11, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.. Donnie Webster and Danny Walker presented 3 locations and 4 caterers from which the Chapter could choose. Ballots were given to each attendee to vote his/her choice for location & caterer for this year’s picnic. The September 11 picnic will be held at Second Baptist Church at Greenville and will be catered by Jeanie Bullock. The church charges about \$95 for use which includes setup and cleanup. Jeanie Bullock charges \$12 a person for the meal which will include 2 meats. A motion was made and seconded for the Chapter to pay \$5 for each retiree and 1 guest. Any extra guests will pay \$12. The picnic committee asked that when people register to attend the picnic they give the name of their spouse and guests so name tags can be made for all. It was also asked that those who register make every effort to attend or give a cancellation notice 2 weeks prior to the picnic. The chapter treasury must pay for all meals ordered. The group was asked if they would like a speaker for the picnic. A motion was made to invite a speaker, no second. Motion died.

The items of business from the Thursday May 3, 2018 TVARA Nashville Board Meeting were reviewed as follows:
The minutes of this meeting were sent out to Chapter members via e-mail.

- BVI and TVARA offices have moved to the TVA West Tower Knoxville Office Complex
- Part of TVA's 2018 Congressional Budget suggested some of TVA's Transmission System be sold. This would require congressional approval.
- The Johnsonville Fossil Plant was taken off line December 31, 2017. It had produced electricity for 66 years. A small segment(Gas Turbines) of the plant still produces steam for a local industry(Chemours).
- Bank of New York Mellon is now mailing out all TVA retiree payroll checks. BNYM offers 24 hr. online services to make changes in address, tax info, withholding etc.
- Retirement system update: TVARS says system is 84% funded, TVA says it is 64% funded.
- An overview of the TVARS Board Structure was given. TVARS Board structure was established in 1939 to provide retirement benefits to TVA employees and beneficiaries. There are 7 directors: 3 directors appointed by TVA, 3 directors elected by current TVA employees, the seventh director is elected by the other 6 directors. As an informal rule, the 7th director has been a retiree. In 2016 the TVARS rules were amended to officially make the 7th director a TVA retiree. Each director has a 3 year term. Allen Stokes , the current 7th director will end his term Oct 2018. A letter will be sent to all retirees announcing this vacancy. Any retiree may submit a letter of interest for the position within a 30 day time period.
- Membership report stated there are 8,191 TVARA paid members this year. This is 200 less than the number of paid members this time last year. The importance of retiree membership was noted in that the retirees can then speak as one voice about matters concerning their retirement.
- A new e-mail system called Constant Contact will be used by TVARA in the near future. It will allow mass e-mailing to more quickly and efficiently send out e-mail news and notifications to retirees.
- TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic will be held at Chattanooga October 4. BVI's annual banquet will be held in Chattanooga Oct 3.
- There had been some question as to whether One Exchange (now called VIA Benefits) had been charging more for insurance than private companies. A review was conducted and found Cigna and Mutual of Omaha had over charged through One Exchange but otherwise other insurance costs were comparable to private companies.
- A discussion was held on TVARS not having enough retiree representation in the future. At present there are 24,000 retirees and beneficiaries and less than 10,000 employees. A motion was made at the Nashville meeting to have President DeWitt Burleson send a letter to TVARS and TVA's CEO defining TVARS members to include all beneficiaries and establish TVARS Board member term limits to consist of 3 terms. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jackie Sommers suggested another Paradise Chapter BVI project. The Spring Ridge one room school has been moved to the Paradise park and needs restoration. Danny Walker and Charles Perry volunteered to check into this project and determine what needs to be done and how the Paradise Chapter can participate. They will report back at the September meeting.

Bobby Neal volunteered to find a flag stand for the TVA flag at the Catfish Dock.

TVA's 85th anniversary is this year.

The group was reminded that a new President, Vice President and Secretary will need to be chosen for the Paradise Chapter in December of this year.

Charles Perry announced that the Island Food Pantry has a Fish Fry the 2nd Friday of each month to support the pantry. Meal cost is \$10.

Charles also said he is willing to send a card to new retirees and invite them to Chapter meetings. New retirees first year dues are paid by TVA. The chapter agreed this was a good project.

Paula Davis related that she had used a Good Rx prescription card and bought her prescription for less than 1/2 of what her insurance cost was.

A motion was made to adjourn – second-motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Southerland
Secretary, TVARA Paradise Chapter

Those in attendance:

Wallace Loyd	Donnie Piper
Lindel Arnold	Charles Perry
Louis Travis	James Saltsman
Terry Wink	Bill Davis
Jimmy Ramage	Marcus Sparks
Charles Hicks	Jack Burden
Barry Barnard	Jerry Basler
Pete Sinks	Jackie Tucker
Patricia Cobb	Tom Ford
Bud Miller	Danny Walker
David Grace	Jackie Sommers
Doris Grace	Melinda Prunty
Robert Moore	David Meier
Earl Jones	Paula Davis
Mary Jones	Steve Staples
Terry Meredith	Gary Southerland
Roy McManaway	Anita Southerland
Dean McManaway	Bobby Hunt
Frank Fox	Ronald Weathers
Randy Fox	
Beverly Johnson	
Buddy Johnson	
Bobby Neal	
Larry Aldridge	
Doug Heltsley	
Sue Bartlett	
Terry Southerland	
Tommy Latham	
Nell Latham	
Greg Martin	
Jerry Hargrove	
Don Ortkiese	
Donald Geary	

