

Cypress-Fairbanks Association of Retired Employees (Cy-FARE)
Minutes of Not-Back-to-School Coffee on August 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM
at The Berry Center

Attendance: 145 total (includes 24 guests/visitors)

See AGENDA

Pre-meeting: PowerPoint created by Lisa Batzer

Welcome & Pledges to US & Texas flags, led by President Diane Garland

GROWTH

Inspirational thoughts by Laverne White – It's a new year

Focus statement

Minutes from April (sent in email to members) – There were no corrections

Treasurer's Report for May - July (on the back of the agenda) – There were no corrections

Introduction of Officers and Leadership

Table with information about TRTA and our adopted school, Brosnahan.

TRTF (Tx. Retired Teachers Foundation) – Diane introduced Jill Dodd and Jan Wright, Co-Chairs for the TRTF Committee. Cy-FARE donated \$885 today plus \$150 was donated online by Cy-FARE members. Cy-FARE made a \$500 annual donation in July. As a result, THREE \$500 disaster relief grants have been donated by our members to the TRTF Disaster Relief Fund!

CONNECTIONS

1. Getting to know you activities:

- a) Find the group whose first name starts the same as yours
- b) Find the group who worked at the same level as you when you retired (Elem., Middle S., HS, All levels)
- c) Find the group who loves your hobby as much as you do (Ex: Travel, Gardening, Scrapbooking, Collecting, Reading, etc.)
- d) Find your Connect Lead

2. Programs – 2nd VP Susan Blowey

Sept. 8th – Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning

Oct. – Safety: Cy-Fair police dept.

Nov. – Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts on Cypresswood in Spring, TX

Jan. – Alex from Bungalow Blooms in the Heights neighborhood

Feb. – Health related topic

Mar. – Harris County Master Gardener: plants and hummingbirds

Apr. – TBA

**Be sure to share ideas for speakers with Susan

3. Birthday recognition for July & August – Debbie Meehan

ENGAGEMENT & CONTRIBUTIONS – See agenda; Next meeting Sept. 8; Check out the new website: <https://trta.org/cy-fare> ; Bring books & stuffed animals to donate to children.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

Submitted by Gail Ruth, Secretary

Approved by Diane Garland, President