**PCLNA Meeting   -  January 10, 2023**

**Minutes**

Our meeting was called to order by President Michael Gray at the Southern Hills Business Association Building and online via GoToMeeting.

Attending meeting in person were: Michael Gray, Mike Dickson, Pete Bratlie, John Chaler, Henry Taylor, Glinda DuBois, Melinda Basco, and guest Rick McDonald.  Attending via GoToMeeting were Rusty Bernard, Tamika Brooks, Revreda James, Alan Warren, Judy Case and Valerie Ervin.

**Mr. Rick McDonald was our presenter** for the meeting. He teaches AP Level English in Desoto Parish and he also is the Lead Pastor at a local church. His topic was *The Value of Education*. He told us that “you have to look at words.”  He gave us good insight about how important education is to all of us.

Mike resumed our meeting and asked members to submit topics we want to have some one present to us. He has asked Alan Jennings to do some topics and that some of us (members)  could possibly present some topics. Nan will also do a presentation for us this year.  He stated we should really pay attention to the laws that affect notaries.

**Our treasurer’s report** was given by Glinda. We had two new members in December. Most members have paid their annual dues and reminded us that a couple still need to pay.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**: Mike asked if everyone received the minutes in their email. Glinda moved that the minutes be approved and Henry seconded.

**New Business**: Mike mentioned that he would like for Alan to keep us abreast of information affecting notaries and that members keep up with what is going on with notaries. Legislature made inroads into some things notaries do but some of them, we as notaries, were not successful with.

Mike asked if anyone had anything to bring before the membership. Mike said in March we will nominate persons to do the audit, new officers and we must look at the budget. He stated that some of us will be called upon to help with this.

Mike asked Alan to keep us informed on remote notary and asked if he will give us another presentation in the future on topic of remote notary. Mike asked Alan if any of this was involving closings but Alan said due to high interest rates there are not many closings or refinancings being done, except at law firms, banking and corporations. Alan indicated that local title companies handle real estate closings rather than notaries. Notaries mostly get refinancing closings.

Mike thanked everyone attending the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

Glinda motioned that our meeting be adjourned and Peter seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Marilyn Smith, Secretary.