



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
5:00 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. Representative Doug Smith presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Glenn Reese – Present
Senator John Hawkins – Present
Senator Jim Ritchie – Present
Senator Harvey Peeler – Absent
Representative Harold Mitchell – Present
Representative Doug Smith – Present
Representative Lanny Littlejohn – Present
Representative Scott Talley – Present
Representative Keith Kelly – Present
Representative Joe Mahaffey – Present
Representative Ralph Davenport – Present
Representative Bob Walker – Present
Representative Mike Anthony – Present

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

Invocation was rendered and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Lanny Littlejohn.

Agenda items were addressed out of order as indicated.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Representative Bob Walker moved to approve the August 6, 2007 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. The motion was seconded and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. REPRESENTATIVE RALPH DAVENPORT, COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

No report

10. REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT TALLEY, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (CTC)

Representative Talley noted that all 2008 set-aside project requests are due in the Delegation office by Friday, November 16.

11. REPRESENTATIVE LANNY LITTLEJOHN, SPARTANBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce has met with each of the Delegation members as well as community leaders. They have set some optimistic goals for the business community of Spartanburg County.

The effort is to try to bring about better economic development, higher paying jobs, and increase the average paying job in Spartanburg.

12. REPRESENTATIVE KEITH KELLY, SPARTANBURG CHILDREN'S SHELTER

A detailed report will be presented in the February, 2008 meeting.

13. SENATOR JOHN HAWKINS, SPATS

Representative Bob Walker reported that SPATS went over the policies of the committee in their last meeting. Highway 9 is their number one priority. There was some discussion of the federal money light rail transfers of which the City of Spartanburg could not use. The money was transferred to CTC and used on the crossing arms in Fairforest. In turn, monies will be used on the downtown East Main Street project and bike path from Main Street down St. John Street.

The Aeronautics Commission appointment is coming up in February, 2008. At this time the 4th Congressional appointment rotates from Greenville County to Spartanburg County. There has been a request to recommend Mr. Joshua Houston from the Spartanburg Downtown Airport. Representative Walker requested signatures from members to represent support of the nominee.

Many of the Delegation members received calls regarding the NFL Network in regard to their ability to broadcast and their prohibition from Charter Cable. Chairman Smith wrote a letter to agree to support competition with lesser rates on television. The letter was distributed for signatures to support these efforts.

14. REPRESENTATIVE JOE MAHAFFEY, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Natural Resources had no recent activity, but the Water Recreation Funds currently has a balance of \$392,000.00.

15. REPESENTATIVE HAROLD MITCHELL, PARD

- a. Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Commission**
 - i. Miracle League Concession/Restroom Facility - \$75,000**
 - ii. Va-Du-Mar McMillan Park Support Facility - \$200,000**

- b. City of Greer**
 - i. Parks and Recreation Master Plan - \$15,000**
 - ii. Final Phase Ward's Creek - \$20,000**
 - iii. Stevens Ballpark Renovations - \$55,000**

- c. City of Woodruff**
 - i. "Ox" Taylor Playground Equipment - \$20,000**

- d. Town of Pacolet**
 - i. Pacolet Amphitheater Gateway - \$27,000**

Representative Mitchell reported that more requests have been received than actual dollars available. Currently there are \$93,490.28 grant funds available with an allocation available in December in the amount of \$261,012.17 making a total of \$354,502.45. Representative Mitchell is proposing to allocate \$75,000 to the Miracle League Concession/Restroom Facility; McMillan Park Support Facility at \$190,000; The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Master Plan did not indicate a 20% match; There was a \$15,000 transfer in March of this year from the Victor Hill Mini Park to Ward's Creek Park therefore \$5,000; Stevens Ballpark Renovations request \$55,000; the City of Woodruff Taylor playground equipment at \$20,000; and Pacolet Amphitheater Gateway at \$21,600 which totals up to \$347,000.

Representative Walker has some concerns about the request for \$200,000 for Spartanburg McMillan Park. Spartanburg County just approved the Hospitality Tax which would take care of their parks leaving funds to help with other parks not associated within the Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation system. Based on the Proviso, there is no guarantee of the December funding.

If Representative Walker is correct, Senator Ritchie suggested carrying the requests over until the December funding is awarded to the account. Since the Miracle League application was the number one priority, the delegation moved to approve \$75,000 as requested and the remaining applications will be considered at the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Representative Talley asked if there were cost estimates on PARD grant applications. Therefore, Chairman Smith has requested cost estimates be submitted with the applications. The motion was seconded and approved.

16. SENATOR GLENN REESE, POLICY AND PROCEDURES

No report.

APPOINTMENTS

17. FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7-A

Term of Katie Wofford. Applications received: Jean Littlejohn and C. Paul Manly.

Representative Littlejohn withdrew Jean Littlejohn's application.

Representative Littlejohn moved to nominate C. Paul Manly. The motion was seconded and carried.

18. GLENN SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Jeff W. Chandler. Applications received: Dan T. Eubanks and Jeff Chandler.

Senator Ritchie moved to nominate Jeff Chandler. The motion was seconded and carried.

19. ARKWRIGHT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Resignation of E. R. Thomas. Application received: None

This appointment was carried over to the next scheduled meeting.

20. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Terms of Terry Cash, Donna Turner Williams, and Jim Crook. Applications received: Susan G. Clary, Ingo Angermeier, Emerson Fort Wolfe, Jr. and Katherine A. Dunleavy.

Senator Hawkins moved to nominate Susan G. Clary, Emerson Fort Wolfe, Jr. and Katherine A. Dunleavy. Senator Ritchie moved to nominate Ingo Angemeier. Votes were taken with Susan Clary receiving 92.764 percent of the votes; Ingo Angemeier received 39.774 percent of the votes; Emerson Wolfe received 78.263 percent of the votes; and Katherine Dunleavy received 86.181 percent of the votes. Therefore, Susan Clary, Emerson Wolfe and Katherine Dunleavy names will be forwarded to the Governors office for confirmation to serve on the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education.

21. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of T. Mitchell Shook and David Keith Comer, Sr. Application received: T. Mitchell Shook and Cathy C. Rogers.

Senator Ritchie moved to nominate all applications received on items number 21 through 25 by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

22. FIRST STEPS

Terms of Kay Phillips and Sue G. Schneider. Applications received: Kay Phillips and Sue G. Schneider.

See item number 21 for information on these appointments.

23. CONVERSE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Joel Willard. Application received: Richard Key

See item number 21 for information on this appointment.

24. GREENVILLE SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION

Term of Wallace Storey. Application received: Wallace Storey

See item number 21 for information on this appointment.

25. LIBERTY, CHESNEE, FINGERVILLE WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Curtis B. Lancaster, Sr. Application received: Curtis B. Lancaster, Sr.

See item number 21 for information on this appointment.

2. JERRY KIEHL, VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR – REQUEST FOR FRIDAY CLOSINGS, STATEMENT BY THE “HOMELESS SHELTER,” AND STATUS OF OFFICE

Jerry Kiehl noted there was a very successful Veterans Day Parade.

Mr. Kiehl is again requesting additional personnel for his office as the average number of veterans the office handles per day has increased from 25 last year to about 40 per day. The office hasn't seen the masses come yet, but needs to be prepared to take care of the veterans when they do come home.

Mr. Kiehl has tentatively started closing the office on Fridays for appointments only; so far it has been working out. The closing on Fridays allows staff to develop cases, not just filling out basic forms. Developing a case means a greater chance for the veteran being approved. Very good results have been received back from the Veterans Affairs Regional Office.

As for the homeless sheltered veterans that keeps popping up in the news, the national average is 1 in 4 veterans, Mr. Kiehl doesn't believe that is the Spartanburg County average. Spartanburg County does have the means with which to take care of homeless veterans. As of November 12, a brand new Upstate Homeless Veterans shelter in Greenwood became available. Columbia continues to be the number one source for providing a home for a veteran other than missions. Asheville has a contract with Motel 8, and Johnson City, Tennessee is still a large dormitory of which assistance is provided.

Representative Walker asked if the proposed shelter in Wellford paperwork had been completed. Mr. Kiehl answered with a “No Sir.” Ms. Pat Bradford is the regional office point of contact for the homeless veterans. She is ready to look at a grant requests from Laurie Mugavero and her vision.

Regretfully, according to the newspaper article, she is hesitant about requesting a grant because there are control ties. Her vision is outstanding. The public supports the endeavor. She is looking to take care of veterans and Veterans Affairs will help.

The issue of Friday closings has received attention in the past. Therefore, Chairman Smith has asked that the Veterans Affairs office be mindful of the concerns that some veterans might have as they may not have the attention they wanted on a Friday. Jerry indicated that if veterans came by the office, staff would either take care of them or schedule them an appointment.

3. WOODY NEEDHAM – THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES: A FIRM RECOMMENDATION TO PLACE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST ON THE “JUDICIAL MAP” OF THE USA.

Woody Needham is in hope and trust the delegation would take public law type action in regards to a very hallowed right – the right to petition the government.

There is no denial that America has denied the right to petition government to redress grievances. It is recognized in Article 1, Section 2 of the SC Constitution and the 1st amendment of the Federal Constitution. The problem is that government has no obligation to respond to any grievance.

Mr. Needham has completed some research. The General Assembly has in Session 117 (2007 legislative actions) two resolutions, House Bill 3193 and Senate Bill 24 to amend the State Constitution in regards to this right. Woody suggested that it is already certified in the Constitution as a right and the amendment would only re-certify that right. Mr. Needham suggest that a public law would be more in order to provide people like himself or any other citizen with the process and procedure that is in writing that can be followed.

The handout lists some 50 + cases that have gone before the 4th Circuit Court or the Federal Supreme Court. One concerns a South Carolina case back 1963. Mr. Needham did go through and read two of the cases – one Robert McDonald versus David Smith in which Chief Justice Burger held the right to not provide “absolute immunity” to the defendant who had based his case on the right to petition the government. In other words, lies, baseless litigation and libelous slander are not protected by this right to petition. They did note that the Vermont Court, based on its understanding of the right to petition, was the supreme of the four – that is not universal. The right to petition requires stringent protection.

In Kirby versus Elizabeth City, North Carolina, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, William Wilkins held that plaintiff’s testimony did not address a matter of public concern, so that the right of petition ought to have some public concern expressed in it. Despite the commonality of the four rights as freedoms of expression, the petition right in Mr. Needham’s conviction has a distinct and qualitative difference than the right to speech, the right to assemble, and the right of free press. Specifically, it is the only right mentioned in section 1, and two for section 2 that is specifically addressed to government. One could speak on street corners about God, journalistically report numerous communicable affairs such as letters to the editor, and one can assembly with others for any number of peaceful purposes, but the right to petition government is unique and especially worthy of legislative focus and interest. It is the only right that enjoins government and petitioner to a common cause or purpose, mainly to re-dress one or more particularly written grievances that are addressed in the petition.

In the sum of Woody’s thinking, the petition to address government with grievances is the petitioners’ opportunity to which government responds by redressing it. That is neither part of the striped speech nor to assemble or of the free press.

Mr. Needham proposes public law be: limited to grievances of public concern and welfare; no petition has a personal nature that Woody Needham could not gain something from it, either reputation, recognition or financial reward; that it address a particular issue either for all citizens of the state of South Carolina or some specific target group such as students or veterans, or environmental issue, or agricultural issue, etc.

The remaining is regarding the process and procedure. The two constitutional amendments that

House 3193 and Senate 24, goes to some length to describe a process and procedure that is the sort of thing that allows government to lose credibility among the people. Why would I want my petition to be sent to the Board of Elections for example, I can't fathom. Anything that can be addressed according to the Constitution can be addressed by the legislative branch or any other department of the government. Mr. Needham suggests the delegation be the controlling branch. If the petition meets the criteria as stipulated in public law, for example, there is a definite public concern and it addresses a particular target for all citizens. Then, Woody suggests a time frame be given (30 or 60 days) for responses to be back to the petitioner(s). When a petition is redressed, either through some public regulation, or public law, the redress becomes a matter for the public and released to the news media.

4. MS. RENEE CARIVEAU, SPARTANBURG COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION – UPDATE, PROCEEDINGS AND PATH FORWARD

The Municipal Association meets every eight weeks to discuss issues, challenges, opportunities, and creative approaches to solving issues that affect all, not just Spartanburg County, but also Union County and the Upstate. At the last meeting, the brain storm session moved a path forward to decide what the Spartanburg County Municipal Association is all about. In the brainstorm session, there were five issues developed. Many more discussed but the following were the top five issues addressed that all could work together on.

One of the issues was to insure the Municipal Association work together not only with the delegation but also in partnership with County Council, Fire Districts, and the School Districts, as well as business and industry. The other four issues roll into economic development. Ms. Cariveau attended the Chamber of Commerce "Partners for Prosperity" a venue they are promoting. The thirteen cities and towns within Spartanburg County want to be involved and really participate in the progress for the towns and cities to be revitalized.

In addition to Economic Development, is the transportation infrastructure. A well planned transportation system supports economic development, as does quality of life, especially active living.

Priority number 3 is the quality of life issues, and this connects back to transportation. The connectivity between the venues of transportation includes walking and bicycling.

Number 4 deals with regional planning of Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee Counties, the Upstate as a whole. In regional planning, Renee would be remiss if she did not mention the fact that our antiquated annexation laws need to be addressed thereby assisting and helping the local government be more efficient.

Number 5 is fiscal accountability and responsibility. The Spartanburg County Municipal Association believe and support a comprehensive tax reform rather than a parts approach or the spending cap approach that is being put forth.

Spartanburg County Municipal Association wants to work very closely with all the delegation in addressing the issues. Obviously, there will be times when we will agree to disagree. This is OK as long as there is a dialogue and we continue to communicate.

5. MS. JUANITA THAXTON, FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Thaxton is the chairman of the Foster Care Review Board 7A. A brochure was distributed regarding Children's Foster Care on the state level. A Spartanburg County fact sheet was also included. There are two volunteer boards in Spartanburg that meet monthly to review cases of children in foster care. In addition, board members attend monthly meetings of the foster parent association, quarterly meetings of DSS staff to discuss mutual concerns, as well as attending court hearings as scheduled. The board members also take it upon themselves to have fund drive efforts for the children. Many times the children are brought into Foster Care with only the clothes on their back. There is always a need for clothing. Foster Care board members also do a big fund drive directed toward school supplies for the children to start to school.

There were 542 reviews held in Spartanburg County for 335 children in 2006. Children are reviewed every six months as long as they stay in Foster Care. Regretfully, some stay in Foster Care for years. The board collects information from family, biological parents, foster parents, Guardian Ad Litem, DSS workers, various doctors and psychologist, and others that have input on the children to make recommendations to family court as what would be the best long term placement for the children.

The Board is concerned about their inability to meet with the family court judges. Meetings have been requested over and over have been told they are not interested, don't have time, and it is not necessary. However, one judge stated over the telephone, that if the board sat down and talked to him, it would indicate they are trying to influence a judge. That would not be the case. The board just wants to discuss general concerns but we have not ever been able to schedule a meeting with any family court judge.

The other thing that concerns the board is that when the board recommends parents rights be taken away, sometimes, after much deliberation, the board really believes it is the best thing for a child. The case goes to court and may go over and over every six months as parents request more and more time to clean up their act and yet they do not stop whatever was wrong to start with. In the meantime, the child languishes in foster care. The older the child gets, the less adoptable they are. Board members are really concerned about how long it takes to get the process completed. Sometimes the judge extends the periods of time with one parent and then the other for another six months. The Board wishes there would be a way to finalize the case the first time it goes to court. The child can then be looked at for adoption. The foster parents form a bond with the child. Last week the board met with one foster couple who wants to adopt all four of the children they have, but they are involved with a long list of court processes of denying the parents.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the 128 children, who entered into foster care in Spartanburg County in 2006, had previously been in foster care. The parents tend to not clean up their act, not rectify the situation and the child gets back into foster care again. That is why when the Board recommends parental rights be terminated, we really believe it is in the best interest of the child.

In addition, many of the parents are incarcerated, which is another major point of concern. Incarceration is a personal choice. You either break the law and choose to go to jail, or do not break the law and not go to jail. This is something that parents who are incarcerated for 20 to 30 years and will not get terminated – their children have no place to go because their parents will not consent to adoption. This is something that the Board wants the Delegation to look at in terms of changing the law – making sure that some of these children can be terminated and not keep languishing on and on.

The foster care association informs the board that they have lost their funding for their Christmas party for the children. The board has been out trying to find funding for them. So far the board has managed to collect \$1000 towards the funding needed, and are working toward the second thousand dollars.

Chairman Smith has recommended a letter be written and sent to the Delegation regarding appointing judges and the serious concerns of the Foster Care situations.

6. JOHN HOLMES – STATE COPPER LEGISLATION

Mr. Holmes is presenting on behalf of a number of groups such as private property owners, Duke Power security, developers, contractors, homebuilders, Board of Realtors, Insurers, and property managers.

The distributed information contains the existing South Carolina bill addressing copper theft, and contains a synopsis from seventeen states across the country that have addressed this same issue. There is a 5 year historical chart of copper pricing, as well as an expected 2 year forecast for pricing copper according to Bloomberg. Theft over the last eleven months in the City of Spartanburg has risen by 30%. The suggested spreadsheet would help to aid gathering information and leading to arrest. A summary and spreadsheet of the 3 largest property managers total \$300,000 in losses over the last 18 months. Some of those property managers have now refrained from putting "For Rent" signs in the yard as that is more than an advertisement for a copper thief to approach. Also there is a list of potential solutions and resources that might be considered.

The existing statute is not getting the job done. There is a need for a new state statute. It should have punitive consequences focusing upon the scrap metal business. State considerations cannot continue to sustain all the negative economic impacts that it currently sustains. The new statute needs to address the safety metal from a light standpoint.

Duke Power representatives can discuss thefts that occur in substations. Duke Power is not only concerned for the safety for the citizenry, but for the safety of Duke Power employees, which does not mention the safety and security of the electrical grid. People are dying, both figuratively and literally.

The group is asking the delegation for help in drafting and enacting legislation pertaining to the theft and purchase of nonferrous metals. Not only is copper an issue, but we will start to see precious metals in catalytic converters become an issue as well. The focus on this legislation should be directed at the scrap metal dealer, obviously the seller. In a meeting with the Solicitor, Trey Gowdy suggested that the group make it as simple as possible to enhance his ability to sustain more meaningful convictions. The people who are buying this copper or nonferrous metal should have a business license. The legislation must have teeth in it, preferring mandatory fines, mandatory sentences, and loss of business licenses to insure that the judicial branch doesn't slap their hand and give them a token fine. The new legislation should become a deterrent to crime prevention. The legislation should make it easier for officers on the street to do their job after it happens. The new legislation could reflect positively on the delegation. It would be a terrific positive reflection on the State of South Carolina.

Previous legislation has not been passed, but in the upcoming legislative session the senators and house members have agreed to work on strengthening a bill that can be enacted.

7. BETH SUMMER-STRAIT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, P.A.C.E. – SUPERVISED VISITATION/SAFE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AGENCY OFFERS

The P.A.C.E. Center is six months old as a new organization. Mental Health American merged with Carolina Counseling back in May. The P.A.C.E. Center has generated some new income and serving almost 600 clients. More than 8,000 printed materials have been distributed on the different mental health issues and concerns. The website has been upgraded. The word is getting out in the community that the P.A.C.E. Center is a new organization but with a strong history.

The P.A.C.E. Center has a supervised visitation safe exchange program that ties in with Foster Care. In 2006, about 550 families were served with the program. It is a program that provides supervised visitation for non-custodial parents with a trained monitor in the room. These are individuals, by court order, who cannot be alone with their child, but they are granted visitation as long as there is a trained official monitor in the room. The second part of the program is the safe exchange program whereby custodial parents would exchange their children for visits with a non-custodial parent. More times than not these parents are virtually at war. They cannot be in the room together. The Center has had visits where one parent would actually bring a gun as he or she would exchange their child for the visit. The P.A.C.E. program eliminates that opportunity, whereby police officers are there. They know that no weapons are permitted. There are posted rules as they sign up for the program. The good thing about the program is these children who have been exposed to so much trauma already do not have to go to the police station to visit their parents. They don't have to go to an agency of sterile environment. They are coming to a family room. The Fox Family Room is on-site at the agency that has home furnishings, a much more pleasing environment for these children who have been through so much already.

The reason this is being brought to the delegation attention is that because the P.A.C.E. Center has lost some funding last year. The Center lost \$55,000 in funding, which, for an agency of this size, was tremendous. The Center will apply for the funding again next year, and hopefully it will be restored.

In the meantime, the Center has discovered there is a \$10M pot of money through the federal Department of Health and Human Services. That money is allocated specifically for supervised visits and safe exchanges of children for the non-custodial parent. The money is allocated to each state based on the number of single parent households in the state. It was amazing to find out that 14% of households in South

Carolina are single parent households. That is obviously not a majority, but that is a fairly big number. By that formula, Spartanburg brings \$133,000 into this state each year for supervised visitation and safe exchange. That money goes to a division of South Carolina DSS and is distributed by one individual to two programs. Both of those are DSS programs, one in Lexington/Richland and one in Walterboro. Even though the P.A.C.E. center is the only agency providing this service in the Upstate, and serve 500 + families, we are not able to access that money, because the director at DSS says nine years ago when the money first came through, only two agencies applied, so each year he continues to allocate it those two agencies. He has not opened up an RFP process in the last eight years. The Center has asked him to open the process back up. His response was “Not until I have a good reason too.” The Center is asking if there is anything that the delegation can do. Beth has written a letter to Governor Sanford regarding the process to access those funds to serve these families. Families are coming from all over the Upstate. The only other program like ours is by a private agency in Aiken. All the DSS agencies don’t even operate this type program.

8. DR. BREITWEISER, RETIRING PRESIDENT, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND – EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO DELEGATION

Dr. Breitweiser started her official duties by presenting information to the delegation almost eleven years ago and is now wrapping up her time at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB) by addressing the delegation as one of her last official acts. The time working with the delegation has been amazing. She states the delegation is inspiring, as they care about the children from preschool age through their years to what happens to them when they are ready to seek employment. For that the School is so very grateful. Spartanburg County is the home to this school statewide school. The Spartanburg delegation is the adopted legislators/parents for the children who are there. It is truly a blessing that the school is located in this community. She hopes that during her time at the SCSDB, she has also made the School a blessing to the community. The School thanks the delegation for all that has been done, as it has been Dr. Breitweiser’s honor and pleasure to work for the School.

When Dr. Breitweiser came to Spartanburg 11 years ago, she had every intention of moving back to the Chapel Hill area at retirement. However, as so many other people are so touched by the caring of public officials and community members, this will always and forever be her home. She thanked the delegation from the bottom of her heart for their kindness and the Order of the Palmetto that was presented to her at the Amy Grant concert.

Dr. Breitweiser introduced Scott Ramsey, who is now a part of the school team. They presented the delegation with a certificate of appreciation from the school, children, and from Dr. Breitweiser personally for all the things that the delegation has done. She looks forward to continually work with the delegation as a community member and volunteering.

Chairman Smith thanked Dr. Sheila Breitweiser for her time before the delegation with regard to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, and her service and dedication to the school that has meant so much over the years she served as President.

23. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

24. NEW BUSINESS

The Delegation 2008 scheduled meeting dates are Monday, February 4, 2008; Monday, May 5, 2008; Monday, August 4, 2008; and Monday, November 10, 2008.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Doug Smith, Delegation Chairman

Attested:
Carol Crowe