

January 20, 2024

Dear MTCU Member/Owners:

MTCU will hold our 2024 Annual Meeting on Monday, February 26th at our 4717 N. Midkiff Rd. branch. Our meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. We will have refreshments and \$2000 in cash door prizes, during our business meeting.

This year the Nominating Committee is composed of Ofelia Pallanez- Committee Chairperson with Linda Hancock, Jayme Tedder and John Brenner. Three Board Members' terms will expire: Betty Merritt- Chairperson, Ariel Elliott- Director, and Nancy Ashley- Director. All three are seeking re-election. The committee respectfully submits the nominees to serve a three (3) year term.

Betty Henry Merritt served for forty-five years as a teacher in our Midland Public Schools. She holds a BS degree in English and is completing her fiftieth year with Delta Sigma Theta. To show her devotion and care, Betty has served on many community boards, including: Vice President for our public libraries and Vice President for local Midland medical clinics. She also attends our Community Bible Study and serves as President of the Mission 2 program, President of the Minister and Deacon's Wives Committee, Director of Christian Education and Assistant Secretary for her local church, Mount Calvary Baptist Church. She is married to William Merritt, has four wonderful children, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She has served for over twenty-four years on the MTCU Board of Directors.

Ariel Elliott is in his thirty-first year as a Texas Public School Educator. He has served as a teacher, coach, and administrator before becoming a superintendent. Ariel has been the superintendent at Greenwood I.S.D. since 2013. He holds a BS degree from S.R.S.U. and a MA degree from U.T.P.B. He also completed the Bob Thompson Leadership Institute, Cohort XXV, 2017. Ariel has served on the Board of Trustees of MTCU since 2006. He also currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Nancy Ashley completed forty-two years of service in the Texas Education System. She dedicated twenty-two years to teaching in the classroom and then served for twenty years as an Educational Diagnostician for Special Education. She holds a BS degree in Social Work, a MA degree in Special Education and certification as an Educational Diagnostician. To continue her commitment to education, she now serves as Secretary for the Midland Retired Teachers Board of Directors. Nancy and her husband, Reverend Billy R. Ashley serve as pastors for Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. They have two wonderful sons. Nancy enjoys sewing, crocheting and knitting as an expression of her creative side. She has served on the MTCU Board of Directors for five years.

After the report of the nominating committee is made to the membership, the presiding officer shall call for nominations from the floor. When nominations are closed, the vote shall be taken. Elections may be by voice vote, unless a Member demands that the election be by ballot for a particular contested position. If such a demand is made, that position shall be determined by ballot.

Thank you and hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

Nancy Ashley
Secretary of the Board- MTCU

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