

HENDRICKS COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

November 12, 2018

Approximately 80 members, associates and visitors gathered at the Hendricks Country 4-H Conference Center in Danville, for fellowship, lunch, a program and a business meeting.

During the pre-lunch social period, Linda Buckner and Sally Henzie, who also came early for the setup of the tables, used the time for registration and meal payments and Linda Szewc collected dues for 2019.

Ellen McKenzie opened the gathering by welcoming all members and guests. She recognized all first-time teacher attendees by having them introduce themselves. Ellen then led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation. Once again, the lunch buffet was catered by Mayberry Café.

As the group finished lunch, all Veterans were called to the front where they were asked to introduce themselves and identify their service information. Ellen thanked all for their service with a small token of appreciation. She also informed the group of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, OH (<https://www.nationalvmm.org/>) which celebrates and recognizes the experiences of all veterans and encouraged all to visit.

PROGRAM

Doug Boles, President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, was the speaker. Doug's entertaining and informative talk touched on the influence his Danville background and his family had on his career choice; briefly outlined the twists and turns of his career; and talked enthusiastically of his lifelong love of racing in general and the Speedway, in particular. After his speech he candidly answered questions on a large variety of topics ranging from the importance of reaching all students in the classroom to future plans for the Speedway. (www.indianapolispeedway.com)

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:15. Minutes for the May meeting were available on the tables and since no corrections or additions were made, they were approved as written. Linda Szewc gave the Treasurer's report and provided a paper copy on the tables for members to view.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Report— Charlotte Martin reported on the recent election and the increase in Indiana voters.

Member Concerns and Services and Necrology—Linda Szewc reported on the recent death of Gerald Slack. Jane Teitz reported that cards were sent to Kay Slack and Bonnie Molloy. Jane also reminded members that the IRTA teaching scholarship available to college sophomores and juniors majoring in education is no longer limited to only relatives of IRTA members. Copies of the scholarship application can be found on a link on the HCRTA website(www.hcrteachers.org) , the IRTA website (www.retiredteachers.org), or by contacting Jane.

Technology/Website: Nancy Singer informed members about a new "page" (Today's Topics) which has been created on the website (www.hcrteachers.org). This page will give members an easy access to all information needed to stay current in our activities and concerns. She also used this time to remind members of the Indy Honor Flight which flies veterans to Washington DC to see the memorials and, in general, recognizes veterans every day, not just on November 11. Members were urged to sign the letters available on each table and to add a personal note. These letters will be included in the Mail Call section of the flights home in the spring.

Community Service: All members are encouraged to turn in volunteer hours to Jane Tietz before the end of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ellen announced that the food donations would be taken to the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church in Danville and encouraged members to continue to contribute generously at each meeting. She also reported that three of our members who competed in the Dragstrip Dash 5K (Ellen, Linda Corcoran and Judy Bobb) earned first and second place finishes in their respective age classes. Finally, she recognized our chapter's success in organizing the IRTA Leadership Workshop on October 9 and thanked the eight local members who worked on preparing and hosting it.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned with reminders that the March 11th meeting will feature a musical performance by the Brownsburg High School Choir.

Door prizes were awarded to seven lucky members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Singer

Nancy Singer, Secretary