

HENDRICKS COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 11, 2019

Approximately 50 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, Sally Henzie, Sherri Gummer and Margie and Byron Appleget, used the time for table setup and decoration and registration and meal payments.

Ellen McKenzie opened the gathering by welcoming all members and guests. Ellen then led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and after an Invocation was offered by Jeff Thompson, she dismissed the tables by number to the buffet table. Once again, the lunch buffet was catered by Mayberry Café.

PROGRAM

The Program today was presented by the Director Leah Trigge's Avon Choir/Dance group ACCENTS. The 50+ member group performed its uplifting competition piece which told the story of good triumphing over evil. Because of a building scheduling problem, they were unable to present it on the 4-H stage, but they graciously agreed to use the space we had available and still presented a wonderful program of singing and dancing.

BUSINESS MEETING

Following the program and after we reassembled in the original room, the meeting was called to order by Ellen McKenzie at approximately 1:15.

Lynne Cox, IRTA Area Director, who along with her husband was a guest at today's meeting, spoke first and gave a legislative update, highlighted the scholarships available through IRTA, and gave a brief preview of the summer meetings which are planned. Minutes for the November 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. The treasurer's report was approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Report— Charlotte Martin gave information both on the importance of attending the Legislative Breakfasts and the importance of the Town Elections which are scheduled for May 7th.

Member Concerns and Services and Necrology—Linda Szewc reported on several recent deaths of local educators and indicated the funds for IRTA Memorials were sent for the following: Sandra Van Nice, Roberta Housefield, Nancy Bennett, Noel Michael Peters, and Kenneth Richardson. Jane Teitz reported that cards were sent to Bill VanNice, Maryanne Battistini, John Housefield, Al Bennett, Barbara Jane Peters, Eleanor Wills, Loretta Hoffer, Linda Goldsberry, Ruth Hine, Linda Buckner, and Revena Richardson.

Technology/Website: Nancy Singer reminded members that a copy of the PowerPoint which runs during the meeting was also available as a printout on the tables and reviewed a handout showing how to use the website and indicating what information could be obtained from it.

Publicity: Pat Kriskovich asked members who were taking pictures today to share them with her, so she could add them to the newspaper article she will submit.

Community Service: Jane Tietz reported on volunteer hours submitted. Of the 81,000 Area 4 hours which were reported, our chapter submitted the most, recording 112 members' contributions which totaled 21,122 hours. She then recognized our Outstanding Volunteer for 2018, Donna Heshelman, who submitted 1,155 hours. Jane also presented certificates to these members who logged at least 500 hours

each: Charlotte Martin, Ellen McKenzie (1000+), Barb Roark, Martha Buehner, Donna Geiger, and recently deceased members Ken Richardson (1000+) and Sandy Van Nice (1000+).

Scholarship: Carol Reimer reported we had a record-setting 14 applicants for our scholarship this year. Ellen praised the committee and mentioned that she felt certain the high number of applicants was due to the special care the committee took to make sure they hand-delivered the applications to all area high schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ellen announced that the food donations would be taken to the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church in Danville. She also read a note from Linnie Harris who is “The Voice of IRTA” whenever one calls the central office which thanked all for the cards and good thought sent her way during her recent serious illness.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made by Betty Vogel to donate \$200 to the Avon Accents in recognition of their outstanding performance. The motion was amended by Helen Phillips to \$250 and the second to the unanimously passed amended motion came from Howard Sims.

Ellen read a letter she received from the Indiana Lottery Board. In order to highlight the money the Indiana Lottery contributes to the Indiana Teacher’s Pensions each year, representatives from the Board will be greeting members as they arrive and also leave a gift basket from the Lottery.

Diane Perry asked for volunteers to help with the Hendricks County Music Festival which will be held April 20th. She needs people (music experience is optional) to sit with the judge and the student as the student performs. Volunteers would work a 3.5 hour shift, either starting at 8:30 or 12.

Sherrie Gummer informed the members about the “Morning Tea” Linda Langford, AHS Speech teacher, is holding for her students on May 24 from 8-9. If you wish to meet with the students to give them experience in face-to-face conversations with adults, please contact Sherrie. She will give more specific information at the May meeting.

Contact Ellen if you wish to attend the Legislative Brunch on April 9th to discuss with our individual legislators the 13th check amendment.

Ellen also asked for interest from the members in donating articles to the June IRTA Scholarship Fund Silent Auction. Since members expressed interest, she will find out more information and let members know more information at the next meeting. Our last year’s auction baskets were extremely popular with the bidders.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned with reminders that the May13th meeting will feature local travel agents Will and Nikki who own Magnified Vacations CruiseOne, and time will also be taken to install our new officers. All members are urged to bring canned goods for donation to the local food pantries to each meeting.

Door prizes were awarded to five lucky members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Singer, Secretary