

WHITE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
SANDY TAYLOR'S HOME

President Dave Kelly opened the meeting. President Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the thought for the day. Secretary Wanda Wentland passed out the written minutes of the June 24 meeting. Karen Ward moved to accept the minutes as corrected, and Colleen Shook seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected. Treasurer Leona Gorden presented the treasurer's report showing a final balance of \$375.57. The report was filed for audit. Leona also listed the members that have paid their dues for this year and explained the Project Can (basket) that was passed around for donations to our service projects – at this time, the Reading Junction. President Kelly asked each person to introduce themselves. Jo Ann Miller from Twin Lakes and Bob Fleck from North White and Tri-County were first time attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Colleen Shook requested that reports of volunteer hours be reported by December. She also requested that youth hours be separated from other hours. Colleen passed out sheets to record volunteer hours and asked the attendees to name the types of volunteer service they provided. She asked that the volunteer record sheets be sent to her at Colleen Shook, PO Box 208, Monticello, IN, 47060 by the first of December.

CONCERNS/SERVICE: Karen Ward reported that Nadine Walker was in White County Hospital with a broken leg. Glen Wentland's mother passed away in Florida. David Lottes is in White County Hospital. Muriel Arnold will be celebrating her 100th birthday. She asked that cards be signed for Nadine, David, and Muriel.

LEGISLATIVE: Dave Kelly reported that he had attended a meeting in Crawfordsville concerning the History of the Unfunded Liability of the Teacher Retirement Fund which affects those teachers which retired before 1996. The fund is being reimbursed from the Indiana Lottery and the General Fund. At the current rate of reimbursement, the fund should again be completely funded by 2030. Work on legislation to have an automatic COLA, increase the rate of reimbursement to the unfunded liability, pass the military service credit, and increase the minimum checks for retired teachers will be the focus for this year's legislative session. Some teachers currently receive less than \$100 a

month in retirement benefits – the proposed legislation would increase that amount to a minimum of \$500. Dave also reported on the meeting with IRTA head, Robert Craft, who stated that the group is now being referred to as the IRT (Indiana Retired Teachers) which can be contacted at 1-888-474-9333.

NECROLOGY: Jennie Peters reported that Fred Clauster from North White and Ruth Ann Chitty from Frontier had passed away.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Glen Wentland reported that the web site was up and running at www.wcretiredteachersassociation.org. It includes the program schedule, minutes of the meetings, officers and committee members, information on the Tucker School, and links to the four school corporations in White County and the Indiana Retired Teachers.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom Peters reported on a list of benefits available to members of Indiana Retired Teachers which are available at www.retiredteachers.org.

LUNCH:

Frank Walker offered the blessing before the lunch was served.

A delicious lunch was served by Sandy Taylor and her helpers.

A big thank-you goes out to our hostesses Sandy Taylor and Sandy Neirieter for the New Alphabet pamphlet, autumnal decorations, and delicious candy.

PROGRAM:

Sandy Taylor gave a wonderful program on “Clay and the Hoosier Pioneer” which included a brief video on pottery making and samples from her pottery collection which she received from her mother.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at White County Memorial Hospital Cafeteria at 11:30 am. The program will be Nick Korniak and the Future Farmers of America.

Wanda Wentland, Secretary