

WHITE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from September 26th, 2012 at Sandy Taylor's Home

Members and guest gathered at Sandy Taylor's lovely home for a delicious meal with her two helpers and Mary Ann Morris assisting. President Kelly opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced: Jim Lund, Area 3 Director and his wife, Dorris, and Dave Starrett, husband of Ann Starrett. President Kelly shared a joke from *cleanjokes.com*, which gave all several chuckles. Grace was given by Larry Crabb.

OFFICER REPORT

President Kelly, Frank and Nadine Walker, and JoAnn Miller attended the IRTA Fall Workshop for Areas 3 & 4 in Wabash, IN on Sept. 19th. One focus of the workshop was ways to increase our membership, both locally and at the state level. IRTA needs to increase its members from the present 43% of those eligible. An increase in membership would add more cash flow to help meet the increased costs of operation and the need for more members to increase the voice of IRTA as we present our needs and concerns to the Indiana State Legislature. Dues are \$35 a year and members are encouraged to use the "Dues Deduction" taken out of your September check. This would dramatically reduce costs with many reminders and postage, etc. A special service charge of \$5.00 per year will be added for those not on dues deduction. An IRTA membership form was included with your program mailing. IRTA wants to propose to our legislators a combined COLA increase (highest for those who retired in the 1960's and 70's) as some receive less than \$500 in their monthly pensions, as well as stipend, formerly known as the 13th check.

President Kelly read through the Program Booklet about this year's meetings as VP Frank Walker was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting on June 27th was given to all members. Barb Purkhiser made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded and Mary Swayze seconded.

Treasurer Leona Gorden read the financial report and reported that a total of \$218 was collected for the United Way/Reading Junction Project for the 2011-2012 year. \$280.00 was given to the Reading Junction to provide books for 10 children, noting that \$62 was taken out of the treasury to increase the number of children receiving books from seven to ten. Don Purkhiser made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Spencer Bower seconded.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service: Spencer Bower would like each member's volunteer hours by mid-December. Your totals can be turned in to either Spencer or Colleen Shook.

Necrology: Jennie Peters reported that Omer Lloyd Shroyer died on Sept. 10, 2012. Lloyd came to Twin Lakes in 1961 and retired in 1985. His wife, Thelma, survives. Martha Eiche, (wife of Milo Eiche who died in 2011), died on Sept. 7, 2012, from complications from ALS.

Publicity/Public Relations: President Kelly has tried to contact Glen Wentland. President Kelly asked members if anyone could help with our website. Hearing no volunteers, Dave will contact former teacher, Dave Brechbiel, for help with our website.

OLD BUSINESS

Tucker School: There has been nothing new to report. The White Co. Historical Society owns it and we are hoping to obtain a grant to move it to the Twin Lakes School grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kelly proposed a Membership Subcommittee from each school corporation to contact all non-members from our current list and invite them to our October meeting. Chairpersons are-- Frontier: Joyce Harless, Kay Franscoviak; N White: Ruth DuVall, Rosemary Anderson; Tri-County: Elaine Nesius; Twin Lakes: Connie Richardson, Shirley Keesling. They will report back to WCRTA at the October meeting.

PROGRAM: Our talented hostess told the life of school teacher, Artie Wade. Born in Greene Co. in 1872, she also married an educator at age 26. They moved to Colorado for his health. He died in 1906. At this time, the government made available homesteads in eastern CO. She applied and was given her 160 acres to settle and received the deed after 3 years. She remarried and moved back to Greene Co. Artie received a call from the Welfare Dept. and raised two girls. The 5 year old girl is Sandy's mother; Artie, her "Granny Wade". Sandy displayed several dishes that were often given as gifts and a trunk belonging to Artie. Thanks for sharing such a touching, personal biography of the educators in Sandy's life.

Next Meeting: WCRTA will meet Wednesday, October 24th, at Angler's in Monticello. Hostesses are Karen Ward and Jennie Peters. Judy Baker, from the White County Historical Society, will be the speaker.

Respectfully Submitted
JoAnn Miller, Secretary