

WHITE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes from October 24, 2012 @ Angler's Restaurant

The White County Retired Teachers Association met at Angler's Restaurant in Monticello. President Dave Kelly opened the meeting at 11:35 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Baker was introduced as our guest and program speaker. Other guests in attendance were Larry Utterback, Carol Downey, Fred Bruner and Judy Kramer. President shared a Halloween story, which gave all several chuckles. Members ordered from the menu and the meeting continued. Grace was given by Frank Walker.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Kelly stated a 1.7% increase in the Social Security pension. \$206 million will be put in the IRTA Pension Stabilization Fund.

Vice President Frank Walker read through the program for 2012. All members should have a program booklet.

Minutes from the September 26th meeting were distributed to members. Barb Purkhiser made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Karen Ward seconded.

Leona Gorden read the Treasurer's report and a copy was filed for audit. A total of \$280 dollars was given to the United Way/Reading Junction Project for the past year. This will sponsor books for 10 children, increasing the number of children from seven to ten. In April Barb Bedrick will be speaking about the Reading Junction Project. \$50 was collected from our last meeting in September for the Reading Junction Project. Spencer Bower made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Suzanne Smock seconded. The Reading Junction basket was passed around for donations.

PROGRAM

Judy Baker Elliott is the Museum Director for the White Co. Historical Society. The Society is 101 years old! In 1969 she co-founded the Genealogy Society with Pequitte Brewer. Pequitte had published an 1850 Census by index of head of household. In 1991 Judy published the 1850 Census in Pequitte's memory with an every name index. Judy has always been interested in her family's history since she was a child. Her first connection to "Who Do You Think You Are?" was hearing the story about her great-grandmother sitting on her father's shoulders at the age of 5 to watch the burial train with Abraham Lincoln going through White Co. Judy told about doing a DNA test, and also mentioned a few websites such as Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Ancestry.com

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service: Spencer Bower encouraged everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. They will be tallied in mid-December. If you have any questions, contact Spencer Bower at sbower13@tds.net. Hours may be turned in to either Spencer or Colleen Shook. We need everyone's tallies to use in our lobbying efforts.

Legislative: Indiana must lobby every year for our stipend (previously known as the 13th check), and for the unfunded liability of the teacher pension program. Annual membership to IRTA is \$35. Our voice in the Indiana General Assembly is stronger when our membership grows. Please continue to support your local and state organization. IRTA membership forms are available from President Kelly.

Membership: no report

Member Concerns: no report

Publicity: President Kelly reported that former teacher, Dave Brechbiel, will help train someone to take over the website for WCRTA, to replace Glen Wentland's position. If anyone would like to learn, please contact President Kelly.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership reports by Corporation Captains: Frontier reported 3; NW reported that Carol Downey joined plus maybe more; Tri-County: Elaine Nesius had given names to Sandy Taylor; TL: Connie Richardson reported that she had contacted those on her list.

President Kelly thanked the hostesses, Karen Ward and Jennie Peters, for providing treats of candy and nuts.

NEXT MEETING: WCRTA will meet at Angler's Restaurant in Monticello on Wednesday, February 27th, 2013 at 11:30. This will be informal—no business meeting.

April 24th, 2013 will be our next regular meeting at Angler's Restaurant in Monticello. The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM. Carol McGill and Becky Sims are the hostesses for this meeting. Sandy Wagner (Youth Manager at the Monticello Public Library) and Barb Bedrick (Reading Junction) will be the program.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Miller, Secretary