

# **WHITE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Minutes from April 24, 2013

Note new website change: [www.wcretiredteachers.org](http://www.wcretiredteachers.org)

The White County Retired Teachers Association met at Angler's Restaurant in Monticello. President Dave Kelly called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellen Bartlett, Monica Casanova and Dave Brechbiel were introduced as guests and program speakers. President Kelly shared "Perks of Reaching 50 or over 60 +" which gave several chuckles. Members ordered from the menu and the meeting continued. The blessing was given by Frank Walker.

Dave Brechbiel, former teacher and part-owner of One Technology, gave a brief power point presentation on his new design for our website. Our webpage showcases upcoming events, projects, information about the association, etc. Please note the new website change and check it out at [www.wcretiredteachers.org](http://www.wcretiredteachers.org). Dave has graciously accepted the position as Webmaster and has been made an honorary member of retired teachers. Thanks, Dave.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

\*Secretary JoAnn Miller went over the highlights from the October 24, 2012 meeting as members read their copy. Spencer Bower made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Mary Ann Morris seconded.

\*Treasurer Leona Gorden read through the financial report and a copy was filed for audit. Karen Ward made a motion to accept the minutes and Frank Walker seconded. The Reading Junction basket was passed around for donations.

\*President Kelly asked for any members interested in attending the IRTA Representative Assembly on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis. Our four delegates will be Leona Gorden, Frank Walker, Dave Kelly and Karen Ward who volunteered.

\*Vice President Frank Walker told about our next meeting which will be at the Wabash and Erie Canal Center in Delphi on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes were available to all members who were present with the meeting's agenda. The cost will be \$17.50 per person and will include the luncheon, museum tour, and Case House tour. The boat ride will be narrated by our own President, dressed as a 19<sup>th</sup> century boatman from the 1850's. Information will be sent to all members not in attendance. Reservations are due by June 15<sup>th</sup> to President Kelly and checks need to be made to WCRTA.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LEGISLATIVE** President Kelly said that members will receive a 13<sup>th</sup> stipend check. However, the bill to increase pensions to a minimum of \$500 for elderly members who retired before 1980 and for a COLA increase did not make it for this year. The bill will be reintroduced and hopefully, next year the bill will pass.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** Spencer Bower said that our total volunteer hours were down from 2011, but we were higher in youth hours. Our 2012 total hours reported were 4,423. Colleen Shook and Dave Kelly received a Certificate of Recognition for having the most volunteer hours. Congratulations, Colleen and Dave!!

**MEMBERSHIP** Jennie Peters noted that our state leaders want us to increase our associate membership along with our regular RTA membership. They want a stronger voice for the state legislature.

**MEMBER CONCERNS** Karen Ward had none to report since February.

**NECROLOGY** Jennie Peters noted that Linda Stevens had passed away on April 5, 2013. Linda was a professional artist who had taught art for over 40 years, locally at Wolcott and Chalmers, and she also helped with the Alternative School.

**OLD BUSINESS** TL is not in a position to financially move Tucker School. The Historical Society is going to try to get a grant to help with this.

**PROGRAM** Monica Casanova, Director of the Monticello Public Library told about the library's Strategic Plan for the next five years. Goals are Early Literacy, Stimulate Imagination and Satisfy Lifelong Learners. Last year a total of 726 programs were offered, with over 400 in youth programs. E Reader classes are being offered as well as computer classes that are all free to the public. Ellen Bartlett, from the White County United Way, spoke about the Reading Junction Project, filling in for Barb Bedrick. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (since 2008) supplies the monthly book to children of preschool age to age 5 who have registered for the program. They try to target children in Headstart, WIC Program and preschool age children living in White County. These children receive a book each month. Our donations help with mailing costs. The cost is between \$20 and \$25 a year for postage for one child. White County currently has about 300 children registered for this program.

A special thanks to hostesses Carol McGill and Becky Sims for the cute April decorations and treats.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Wabash and Erie Canal Center at 1030 N Washington St., Delphi at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Miller, Secretary