

WHITE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes from April 23rd, 2014

Note new website change: www.wcretiredteachers.org

President Dave Kelly called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at the USA Restaurant in Monticello. Guests welcomed included TLHS exchange students Claudina Montes De Oca and David Pukjol Perich. President Kelly told a funny joke submitted by Barb Purkhiser about a retiree's last trip to Krogers. Grace was given by Frank Walker and members ordered from the menu. Thanks to Kay Franscoviak and Peg Argerbright who served as this meeting's hostesses.

OFFICER REPORTS

*Minutes were highlighted from the October 23rd, 2013 meeting by Secretary JoAnn Miller, as members read their copy. The meeting in February was moved to the USA Restaurant as Anglers was closed. Nadine Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Spencer Bower seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

*Treasurer Leona Gorden read the financial report and a copy was filed for audit. The United Way/Reading Junction project was explained. The money collected at each meeting is used for purchasing books for children with the hope of continuing to sponsor 10 children at a cost of \$280 from our donations. Bobbie Boehlke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Karen Ward seconded. A basket was later passed around for donations to the Reading Junction Project.

*Vice President Frank Walker reported that our next meeting will be on June 25th at Sublette's Restaurant in Monticello. The program about "Current Economic Developments and Outlook for White County" will be given by Randy Mitchell. Hostesses will be Elaine Nesius and Linda Terrell.

*President Kelly needed 4 delegates for the IRTA Representative Assembly on June 18th. Spencer Bower, Leona Gorden, Frank and Nadine Walker volunteered to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative: President Kelly gave a recap of the 2014 Legislative Summary including HEA 1074: A TRF member will receive a 13th stipend by October 1st; HEA 1075: The internal annuity program of the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) will remain until Jan. 2017 and will begin using a lower rate to provide annuities to TRF members in the future. A COLA Bill did not pass for the third time. There has not been a true COLA for the last 7 or 8 years. We will hope to pass this next year.

Community Service: Spencer Bower reported on our volunteer hours. For 2013 our total was 4570 hours, up 150 hours reported the prior year. Youth was 866 hours and Other 3704 hours. (OVER)

Colleen Shook had a total of 642 hours and Frank Walker had 562 hours! Wow! Congratulations to all who took the time to complete your community service volunteer hour's form.

Member Concerns: Karen Ward reported that cards were sent to: Joy Bailey for the loss of her father, Tom Spackman; Thelma Shroyer's family; Muriel Arnold for the loss of her son; and Ann Starrett for the loss of her husband, Dave.

Publicity/Public Relations: A form for the WC Community Legacy Project at Constitution Plaza was available. 10% of the cost for items purchased will go to WCRTA. All checks should be payable to the WC Historical Society.

PROGRAM

Twin Lakes Exchange Students: Claudina Pino Montes De Oca is from southern Mexico and says there are no cartels and it is much safer than borders. She is a junior and has an older brother who is a freshman in college. Her younger brother is in 7th grade. Her mom is a psychologist and her father is a lawyer. School is much harder at her all girls' school. Hours are from 7:00 AM until 2:15 PM. She enjoys playing soccer and to play she is in a sport's club which is not part of school but has a 6 month season. There are no lockers and students do not change classrooms, but the teachers do. Food is healthier and she goes out to eat on Sundays with her family and grandparents. There is no snow in Mexico and she lives 30 minutes from beaches. She plans to become a lawyer. She has been staying with the family of Debbie Dodson and will return home on June 16th.

David Pukjol Perich lives near Barcelona, Spain. He is 16 years old and is a sophomore. Barcelona is known for its bull fights, soccer, free beaches and weather that is 86 degrees in winter, with snow once or twice a year and school is cancelled. He has two sisters and a twin brother. His mom works in a bank. Schools are much smaller and sports are not part of the schools, but in clubs. He played soccer and basketball. School hours are 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Breakfast is 10-11 AM, Lunch is 3:00-4:00 PM and Dinner is 10:00-11 PM. The cuisine is much healthier with very little fast food. There is no baseball in Spain. College costs \$2,000-\$5,000 a year. He plans to pursue a career in engineering. He has stayed with Pat and John Engler and will return home on July 20th.

Both exchange students were delightful and spoke very good English. We wish them safe travels.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 25th, 2014 at Sublette's at 11:30 AM. Hostesses will be Elaine Nesius and Linda Terrell.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Miller, Secretary

