

Minutes from the June 22, 2016 meeting of the White County Retired Teachers.

Dave Kelly called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. We were once again at the USA Restaurant where we always enjoy good service, great waitressing, and an affordable meal. Dave once again welcomed new members, and let them know that their meals would be paid for by the club since they were first time members.

Grace was given by Frank Walker, and then Dave told the story of King Arthur and an ugly old woman. If you weren't at the meeting, trust me, you don't want to have the story re-told.

Spencer Bower presented a summary of Indiana Retired Teachers Association Assembly which was just held a week earlier on June 15 in Indianapolis. Spencer and Frank Walker were the delegates. White County's chapter received an honorable mention for our Website, taken care of for us by Dave Brechbiel. Spencer indicated that White County's membership served 4841 volunteer hours, and Honorable Mention awards were presented to Tom Peters, Frank Walker, Colleen Shook, and Dave Kelly. Hooray for all our wonderful volunteers. At the Assembly, it was announced that retired teachers would receive their 13<sup>th</sup> check. Spencer Bower also mentioned that sadly, eight of our members passed away this year.

The secretary's and the treasurer's reports were presented and approved as read. Our treasury has \$132.39; however, just about everyone paid their \$5.00 dues, so we will be financially healthy, once again. The Reading Junction Basket was passed.

Our very interesting speaker, John Townsend provided his life's background which included growing up on a farm and loving to fly. He is the manager of the White County Airport, and he gave us an excellent explanation of the need for the new 5000' runway. The new runway was paid for by the Federal Government, and if White County would have opted not to take the money, the money would have simply gone to another airport. White County can now handle larger jets flying in for both personal and businesses purposes. Mr. Townsend informed us that White County Airport sees between 30 to 35 planes landing and taking off per day; approximately 8 of those planes are involved in business purposes. There is also possibility that one day, monies will be provided for a "replacement" Luse Rd. Our speaker then gave us an excellent review of his Crop Dusting business that he runs with his son. He assured us that the crop dusting chemical is no more harmful than our usual household products. Mr. Townsend also told us that the best invention for crop dusting has been the GPS!!! Thank you John Townsend, an informative, kind and generous man.

Sandy Taylor informed us that there were no retirees from North White, Tri-County, nor Frontier, but Twin Lakes had six teachers retire. Karen Ward mentioned that she had sent a card to member Marie Crutchfield from the membership with thoughts from our club during this difficult time for Marie with her husband's illness.

Frank Walker stated that he continues to attempt to publicize White County Retired Teachers, and hopes that a picture from this month's meeting will appear in the paper.

Election of officers was held. President will be Larry Crabb, Vice President Frank Walker, Secretary Bobbie Boehlke, and Treasurer Leona Gordon. We all applauded Dave Kelly's wonderful leadership for many years. Due to health reasons, Dave is turning the presidency over to Larry Crabb at the beginning of next year, but Dave will continue to organize meetings, send emails, etc. We are so proud of our Dave Kelly. Thank you Dave!!! Members are reminded to be sure Dave has our accurate email, as more and more communication will be handled via email than the more expensive route of snail mail.

Dave thanked our host and hostess, Larry and Nancy Crabb. Unfortunately, Nancy wasn't able to attend, but Larry did a great job for both.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kelly.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Boehlke