

White County Retired Teachers Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The White County Retired Teachers met on Wednesday April 26, 2017 at the U.S.A. Restaurant in Monticello. The meeting was opened by our new President Larry Crabb, at 11:30 a.m. To the relief of Frank Walker, the guest speaker showed up just after the meeting started, as Frank was going to have to call the paramedics if the speaker had not arrived!

President Larry told us a true story of Frank Sinatra visiting his mom in a nursing home, to remind us that memory is often "short lived," and perhaps many of us are in that range of "forgetfulness"! After the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank Walker led us in prayer.

Our guest speaker Daniel Sichtung the Superintendent of Frontier School Corporation began with his biography, and mentioned that even though his tenure at Frontier is so far, one year long, he has been able to notice differences in all four White County Schools. Together the four White County Schools have common goals, and the four superintendents work together to make those goals a reality. He cautioned us to pay attention to Choice Scholarships which were once income level based and were geared toward helping inner city students. He made us aware that the "income level" requirement is no longer stated in the program; therefore, the original purpose of Choice Scholarships has been affected. A good discussion followed regarding students transferring from school corporation to school corporation within the county, and also from White County to corporations in other counties. It is believed that all retired teachers present enjoyed Mr. Sichtung's presentation and ensuing discussion. Larry Crabb asked the final question as to White County Schools eventually consolidating. Mr. Sichtung answered by indicating that not that much money would be saved.

The treasurer's report stands at \$534.70.

Reading Junction monies were explained and collected.

Dave Kelly reported on the legislative session, discussed that our 13<sup>th</sup> check was approved for two years, and explained that there are now two ways to figure teacher retirement, both which were passed by the State Legislature.

Spencer Bower stated volunteer hours were down this year. Get those hours up!!!

Karen Ward reminded us of grants available for teachers in need.

No other reports; no new business; no old business; however, a great lunch was enjoyed by all!

Meeting was adjourned by Larry Crabb.

We all sincerely thank Dave Kelly for his many years of service as our President! Thank you Dave

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Boehlke, Secretary