

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2023

Nineteen PCRTA members and our guest speaker gathered at the Putnam Inn. President Alan Zerkel welcomed us and introduced our speaker, Anthony Barger, the archivist from the Putnam County Library. He gave an informative presentation about the work of an archivist and let us know what a unique resource this is for our library as not many libraries this size have archives. He welcomed visitors to the library archives and urged us to access the archive services and resources that the library offers.

Following lunch, Alan Zerkel called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May meeting as posted on the PCRTA web site were adopted as posted. Treasurer Terri McKee reported that the current balance at the beginning of the meeting was \$1,685.68. Longtime treasurer Kathy Walton passed away this summer. \$25 from our treasury will be sent to the Indiana Retired Teacher's Association in her honor.

Alan advocated for increased membership to the Indiana Retired Teacher's association as they are the group that lobbies for benefits, financial and otherwise, for our retired teachers. If not many join, the legislators do not believe they need to improve our salaries and benefits.

Alan has been asked to join the Indiana Retired Teacher's Foundation board and serves as secretary. We are grateful for his service and proud that he represents our county.

Alan reminded us to keep track of our volunteer hours and let Eleanor know at the end of the year how many hours we volunteered.

Mary and Alan Zerkel will take any items that members bring to donate to the Putnam County Non-food Pantry.

Alan announced that Kiwanis is having an Indiana Trivia night to raise money for Riley Hospital. The cost for a table or 8 contestants is \$200. He noted that a teachers group would be good participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Wieland, Recording Secretary