

Putnam County Retired Teachers Association
May 8, 2018

The Putnam County Retired Teachers' Association met at the Putnam Inn at noon on April 10, 2018. There were 14 members present. President, Alan Zerkel, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Mary Zerkel, in the absence of Secretary Lucy Wieland, read the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting. Mariette Borgen moved the minutes be approved as presented, Mickey Meehan 2nd the motion. Motion Passed

Treasurer, Terri McKee, reported that we have a balance of \$879.04 in our account.

We had 2 applicants for our yearly \$500 scholarship and the decision of the Scholarship Committee was to give the scholarship to Michaela Williams of South Putnam High School. She is a student at Hanover College and is currently in Spain.

There was some discussion regarding the requirements of our scholarship including presenting it every other year and making it a \$1,000 scholarship. The check, in most instances goes directly to the school, but if the student is a 21st Century Scholar, there is a possibility that the money never gets to the student. A student can apply for our scholarship at the end of their sophomore year. Members are to think about this topic and there will be additional discussion in the fall. Mariette Borgen said that the state only had 10 applicants this year for the 2 - \$2,000 scholarships that they give.

Alan announced that he received notification that PCRTA has been selected by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association as the winner of the award: Outstanding Community Service Group Project. This will be announced at the June 13, 2018 business session of the Representative Assembly that will be held at Ben Davis High School. Pat Gottschalk will again make cookies to donate for the auction. Our association can send 4 delegates. This information is based on the number of regular state members in our local chapter which is 123. Alan will make contact with the state organization and try to get a copy of this list. Our representatives this year will be: Mariette Borgen, Betty Hazlett, Lucy Wieland, and Alan Zerkel. The cost of lunch is \$25.00 and that cost will be picked up by our association. A person can be a member of the Putnam County chapter even if they did not do their teaching in this county.

We received a Thank You letter from Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church for the donations that we have made to their Putnam County Non-Food Pantry.

Pat Gottschalk won the 50/50 drawing. Pat received \$7.50 and \$7.50 went into our scholarship fund. The meeting was adjourned and Mariette Borgen said grace before the members present enjoyed lunch and visiting with friends.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Zerkel (actin in Lucy Wieland's absence)