

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at by President Alan Zerkel, who asked that new members present introduce themselves. New members present were Jan Swingley, Gary Van Middlesworth, Michael Fisher, Bob Harbison, Greg Crum, and Alice Monds. Also present was Linda Hunter, a speaker for Edge 21, and our speaker Jared Baugh.

Alan Zerkel introduced our speaker, Jared Baugh, excise police officer for Putnam and 12 other Indiana counties. He was president of FOP in Putnam County for 20 years. He spoke to us on personal safety. He used the illustration of a crosswalk to help us think of how we can take personal responsibility for our safety. He urged us to think about the worst case scenario and how we might proactively protect ourselves and our families. run, hide and fight are the usual steps we take. Other options to consider would be wasp spray, pepper spray, impact weapon, and safely stored firearm that you know how to use.

Following lunch Linda Hunter spoke on Edge 21, a mentoring program for students who are eligible for the Century 21 scholarship but lack the kind of support they need to make progress toward their goal of earning that scholarship. The program needs 30 volunteer mentors. Linda asked that we or anyone we know who might be interested be informed about it and sign up now.

#### Business Meeting

Treasurer Terry McKee presented the treasurer's report. Before the meeting there was \$1,648.50 in the treasury. There were 5 paid new members last week and 3 new paid members today. Total members to date are 46. Betty Hazlett presented a bill to the treasurer for mailing costs.

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 were approved as printed on the web site.

Eleanor Hauser reminded all members who needed to get her volunteer hours to mail them to her by the end of December.

Betty Hazlett passed out programs from the summer state meeting and pointed out the article on Lucy Wieland who won a CASA award given at the state level.

Alan announced that our next meeting will be March 10, 2020. Speaker will be Lynne Cox, IRTA District 4 Representative updating us on the latest news at the state level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Wieland, Recording Secretary