

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS
November 12, 2024

Fourteen were present for the meeting and lunch at the Putnam Inn. President Alan Zerkel welcomed us and our guest speaker, DePauw University senior and 2021 South Putnam graduate Evan Steffey. Evan is planning to go to graduate school to get an advanced degree in sports administration. He spoke of his experience as an intern at the Olympic swim time trials in Indianapolis last summer.

Following lunch Evan Steffey spoke about his summer internship. This was the first time temporary pools have been used for Olympic swim trial events. Two pools were used, a warm up pool and the time trial pool. Both pools have been purchased and will be set up permanently in other places. This was the first time time trials had been held in an NFL stadium. Future events will be in similar venues. It took twelve days to assemble the pools and it took 8 hours to fill the pools with city water. When the events were over the water was put back into the city water system and recycled.

There were seventeen sessions of Olympic trials. The average attendance for session was 16,777. Indiana had the most US Olympic swimmers. 85% of the volunteer shifts were filled with Hoosiers.

Evan then spoke about the benefits of internships for him and his fellow students. It can lead to job offers at higher salaries than offers to those who have not done internships. It also lets students try jobs before committing to the company that employs them.

Alan Zerkel won the 50/50 drawing.

The treasurer, Terri McKee, reported a beginning balance of \$1224.68 and an ending balance of \$1288.68.

President Zerkel, Betty Hazlett, Michael Fisher, and Terri McKee have met to brainstorm ways to increase membership in our organization. Members were asked to review and edit a list of potential members.

The next meeting will be March 11

Sincerely,

Lucy Wieland, Recording Secretary