

Putnam County Retired Teachers Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022

Thirteen retired teachers met at noon at The Putnam Inn. In the absence of President Zerkel and Vice President Betty Hazlett, Lucy Wieland welcomed all present before we enjoyed our Putnam Inn lunch. Our speakers, retired teachers, Diana and Gary VanMiddlesworth gave us a delightful summary of their “flashpacking” trip in January and February 2017. Flashpacking is backpacking with a bigger budget, utilizing non-commercial lodging, transportation, dining, and local guides as much as possible. The VanMiddlesworths traveled west in their RV last summer, visiting National Parks and other sights with no reservations. Sometimes they camped for free in Walmart parking lots. This summer they will serve as campground hosts in Acadia National Park. All present enjoyed hearing about and envied their creative retirement adventures.

Lucy Wieland called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance at the beginning of the meeting of \$2,470.68. Olivia Haste, a 2020 graduate of North Putnam High School and sophomore at Marian University majoring in secondary education and history with a minor in Spanish studies, was our only applicant for the PCRTA scholarship. The executive committee had reviewed her application and supporting documents and recommended that she be approved by the membership to receive the scholarship. Diana VanMiddlesworth made the motion that she be awarded the grant. Mariette Barga seconded the motion. The motion passed. She will be notified and asked to join us at our May 10 meeting to receive the scholarship.

Lucy Wieland asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee as both Alan Zerkel and Lucy Wieland have served over their two consecutive terms in office. She also asked for volunteers to fill those office. There were no volunteers.

Lucy Wieland announced that the next lunch will be May 10, 2022. Items for the nonfood pantry will be collected.

Pat Gottschalk was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Wieland, Recording Secretary