

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by President Alan Zerkel. There were 15 members present and 2 visitors. Alan introduced Lynn Cox our Area 4 representative. She is from Martinsville and taught for 30 years. The following points were discussed:

- Information regarding the new bill for teachers that will require them to perform 15 hours of community service during the summer, unless documentation of these activities is turned in prior to the end of the school year. This requirement is connected to the license renewal process.
- The Representative Assembly is set for Wednesday, June 12th.
- The Indiana Retired Teachers' Foundation has the following programs: 1) They are working to be a self-funding endowment; 2) They have a \$2,000 scholarship that will be given to a college junior or senior; 3) There is a \$1,000 grant that will be given to a retiree; 4) There were 40 applications this year for the \$500 Active Teacher Grant.
- Giving Tree - if a person gives \$250.00 to the Retired Teacher's Foundation, they will what a red apple with their name on it hung on the tree.
- Retired Teachers did receive their 13th check. Lynn thanked those present who sent a letter to their legislature. We would not have this check without the work of Tom Mellish.
- Information was distributed to all present about a "Clear Captions" phone with a digital readout that is available free to retired teachers that have a cell phone and also a land line.
- Lynn reminded our organization that names of new officers for the year need to be sent to the state retired teachers' organization.

The members were given time for comments and questions. Alan gave the meal blessing.

Business Meeting

- The approval of the April minutes will be held until the September meeting as members present had not taken the opportunity to review them. They are posted on the web-site.
- Treasurer's Report: \$664.04 left after presenting the \$500.00 Scholarship. The scholarship money came from \$180.00 donated by Putnam Inn, \$247.00 collected from members donations, and \$84.00 collected from the 50/50 drawings.
- Putnam Inn has agreed to charge us \$9.00 for our meal again next year. Meeting dates are: Sept 10, 2019; Oct 8, 2019; Nov 12, 2019; March 10, 2020; April 14, 2020; May 12, 2020
- Allison White was given our scholarship this year. She graduated from Greencastle High School and is a student at Taylor University majoring in Spanish. She was unable to attend today's meeting as she is currently taking finals. She will be traveling to Spain in the fall.
- 4 people can attend the Indiana Representative Assembly on June 12th. Our number of attendees is based on the number of retired teachers in our area. Mariette Barga, Lucy Wieland, Betty Hazlett, and maybe Phyllis Rokicki. Pat Gottschalk will be asked to make cookies for the silent auction. Alan Zerkel will be recognized for his volunteer hours.
- Maureen Wagner has agreed to plan programs for our meetings next year.
- Kenneth Houser won the 50/50 drawings - there was a total of \$13.00 collected.
- Ben Chadd shared information about "OLLI" trips through ISU for those over 55.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

Mary Zerkel, acting Secretary in the absence of Lucy Wieland