

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Alan Zerkel. He led the group in the pledge and Lucy Wieland offered a prayer for the meeting and the meal. The members present filled their plates and returned to the meeting room. While we dined, the Lyric Quartet, members of the Covered Bridge Chorus, entertained us with wonderful songs. Three members of the quartet, Debbie Lambert, Kathryn Dory, and Anita Edenfield are retired teachers. The fourth member, Kathy Custis is a retired school nurse. They sang many favorite songs, including some Christmas songs to get us in the holiday spirit.

Following the concert, the business meeting was called to order.

- October minutes were read and approved as read with thanks to Mary Zerkel for taking minutes in the absence of the recording secretary.
- Murray Pride encouraged members to identify potential Indiana college students majoring in education and urge them to apply for the IRTAF scholarships. He also asked that we be alert for retired teachers who need one-time financial assistance for a particular need and encourage them to apply for help from the Hands Up Fund.
- Alan Zerkel asked us to spread the word to county students majoring in education to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship.
- Members were encouraged to urge retired teachers to join IRTA. \$35 dues are a modest investment to support retired teachers.
- Members were advised to go on to the IRTA website for up-to-date information and questions they may have about issues relating to retirement and the IRTA.
- Treasurer Terry McKee reported a balance of \$2,328.68.

President Zerkel announced that Laura Penman, IRTA executive Director, and Brenda Walls, District 4 Director, will attend the next meeting on March 14.

Volunteer hours yearly reporting forms were distributed and need to be completed and returned to Eleanor Hauser by December 31.

Betty Hazlett won the 50/50 drawing. She was given \$10 and \$10 was placed in our scholarship account.

There will be three more meetings this year, March 14, April 11, and May 9. Minutes will be posted on the PCRTA web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary Lucy Wieland