

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Alan Zerkel, followed by the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present.

Carolyn Mann introduced our speaker, Larry Tippin, Putnam County Historian. Larry presented very interesting information on "Lost Schools in Putnam County". Larry also shared information on the history of education in Indiana and historic Indiana school laws. A teacher's salary in 1852 was \$21.85/month and in 1890 schools were in session for approximately 131 days. Indiana became a state in 1816 and some subscription schools were started. The first school in Putnam County opened in 1823. In 1825 Clinton Township held school in the mill. In 1848 only 1 out of 8 people could read or write.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the September 10, 2019 were presented. It was moved by Carolyn Mann that the minutes be accepted following the corrections in the IRTA Convention report. Phyllis Rokicki seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Terri McKee gave the treasurer's report. We currently have \$1,271.04. This does not include any monies collected today. We have 38 paid members and 1 paid associate member. A check for \$100 was sent to the Indiana Retired Teacher's Foundation. This included a \$50 donation by Mariette Barga. \$69.04 was paid to Betty Hazlett for envelopes and postage for the mailing of 130 letters to current Putnam County retired teachers who are IRTA members. We gained 10 new members from this mailing.

The officers met with our 2019 scholarship recipient, Allison White. Allison is currently spending a year studying in Spain.

Eleanor Hauser reminded all members to bring their volunteer hour forms to the November meeting or mail them to her at the end of December.

Betty Hazlett has addresses for retired teachers in Putnam County who are not current IRTA members. Following discussion it was decided by consensus that letters regarding our organization should be mailed out to these individuals inviting them to become members and informing them of our yearly scholarship.

Other discussion

- Amber Pittman, ICE and Teacher Education instructor at Area 30, would be a good contact regarding applicants for our scholarship.
- Pat Gottschalk asked if anyone knew who got her cookie receipt at the state convention. It was suggested that Lucy Wieland might know.
- Beth Bax announced that "The Adams Family" would be performed at Greencastle High School on November 21, 22 & 23.

- Ms. Briones, a South Putnam teacher, was suggested as a possible speaker. She gives a presentation on Eva Kor.
- Ben Chadd suggested a program by Vincennes University.
- Murray Pride won the 50/50 drawing.

Our November 5th program will be presented by Jarrod Baugh.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Zerkel

Acting Secretary in Lucy Wieland's absence