

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by vice president Betty Hazlett. Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present and 1 visitor.

Betty introduced Lisa Barker, interim director of the Putnam County Public Library. Lisa updated us on services that the library currently offers on site and off site, including electronic resources.

- Tech help is available at no charge.
- The library is in the process of switching to an integrated library system called **Evergreen** that is expected to be a huge benefit to library staff and patrons.
- Since there is no longer a bookmobile, efforts are underway to find a room to house a few books and deliver books from the central library to patrons in Bainbridge and Cloverdale who reserved them but cannot come to the library to pick them up. Russellville is also a place that is in need of library services.
- Friends of the library provides funding for many programs including the popular Imagination Library.
- Literacy services are available for adult learners at the library.

Teachers shared many ideas for new facilities and are grateful for the resources our library provides.

Business Meeting

Minutes had been sent electronically and are posted on the PCRTA web site. Mariette Barga made the motion that April and May minutes be approved as written. Harriet Dobson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer had sent out the annual financial statement from September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. She reported a balance of \$503.04 at the beginning of the meeting. Terry McKee reported that our last year's scholarship recipient Allison White's mother expressed gratitude to her that day for the scholarship Allison received. Kathy Sanders made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Mickey Meehan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Betty Hazlett gave a report on the June IRTA convention. Betty, Phyllis Rokicki, Mariette Barga, and Lucy Wieland attended. It was a very efficient, non-controversial meeting. She presented a summary of the newly established Indiana Retired Teacher's Foundation which sponsors scholarships, a Hands UP program for teachers in need, and active teacher grants which were established at the June convention. Each local chapter is asked to identify a person to serve as their Foundation Representative. Mariette Barga volunteered to serve for Putnam County Retired Teachers. Mariette made a motion that we contribute \$50 for the establishment of this foundation. Harriette Dobson seconded the motion and it carried.

Betty announced local awards that were made at the convention:

- Alan Zerkel was named outstanding volunteer for his community service hours.
- Mary Zerkel and Maureen Wagner were given awards for community service.
- Putnam County received an award for website participation.
- Lucy Wieland received one of the 2019 CASA awards. CASA is the volunteer organization of Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

All members are urged to keep track of their volunteer hours. Eleanor Hauser has forms to report hours for the year.

Betty Hazlett asked members to help review lists from the state of potential members for accuracy. She is working on an invitation for retired teachers who are not members to join PCRTA. Lucy Wieland made the motion that she be reimbursed for expenses for this project. Maureen Wagner seconded the motion.

Maureen Wagner announced programs for upcoming meetings. They are: Oct. Larry Tippin. County Historian, talking about two county schools that no longer exist; Nov. Jerrod Baugh will give safety talk.; Mar. Lynne Cox, IRTA District 4 Rep.

Minutes and meeting dates will be posted on our web sites.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Wieland, Recording Secretary
Approved as corrected 10/8/2019