

PUTNAM COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
November 13, 2018

The November meeting of the Putnam County Retired Teachers Association was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Vice-President Betty Hazlett. There were 17 members present. Betty led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced our guest entertainers from the Covered Bridge Harmony. They presented several of their selects as an entire group and also featured one of their quartets. They performed recently in Orlando where they received the highest score they have ever received. The entertained all of us with selections many of us remembered from our younger years. They invited us to attend their Christmas show at Gobin Church on Dec. 10 at 7 PM. Donations can be made at the door, refreshments served, and a bake sale will held to complete what promises to be a memorable evening.

Lucy Wieland offered a blessing for the meal and everyone enjoyed food and conversation.

Betty Hazlett called the meeting to order.

Minutes for the September and October meeting had been posted online and sent to members by email. They were approved with the correction clarifying the Putnam Inn donation for room rental to the Scholarship fund.

Terry McKee, treasurer, reported that prior to the meeting there was a balance of \$863.04 which included 20 members with dues paid and 1 associate member. She wrote a check for \$40 to Covered Bridge Harmony, leaving a balance of \$823.04 before today's receipts were tallied and the meal paid for.

We had 10 members pay dues last month and an additional 5 paid today.

There was no old business.

For new business a cheat sheet from the executive director of terms and names that are frequently used by IRTA was distributed. A discussion of the implications of PSF—Pension Stabilization Fund was held. That was the fund set up to offset the unfunded liability of the pre 1996 pension fund, now hovering around the \$11 billion mark. That led to a discussion of the current situation of lower pay for career teachers than ever before and therefore a shortage of qualified teachers.

Mary Zerkel announced that there were forms available to nominate outstanding CASA volunteers. One will be recognized for each district at convention.

If members did not turn in volunteer hours report sheet to Eleanor Hauser at today's meeting they can mail them to Eleanor in December. Her address is 700 Kirkwood Drive in Greencastle.

\$24 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. Carolyn Mann won \$12 and donated it to our scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lucy Wieland
Recording Secretary