

Putnam County Retired Teachers Association
September 11, 2018

The Putnam County Retired Teachers' Association met at the Putnam Inn at noon on September 11, 2018. There were 17 members present. President, Alan Zerkel, announced that there would be no program today and that the business meeting would follow lunch. Lucy Wieland lead the group in prayer and everyone enjoyed a good lunch and conversation.

President, Alan Zerkel, opened the meeting. Lucy Wieland asked the members present if anyone needed a copy of the minutes since they were e-mailed out to all members last week. It was moved by Maureen Wagner that the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting be approved as written, Carolyn Mann seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer, Terry McKee distributed financial information for September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018. We currently have a balance of \$399.54. Terry also announced that following a conversation Pat Gottschalk had with Rhonda of the Putnam Inn, that the Putnam Inn has agreed to donate the \$180.00 that we would pay them for room rental back to our Scholarship Fund. Details of this donation will be worked out between Terry and Rhonda.

There was discussion at the officers meeting this summer about raising our yearly dues from the \$10.00 level. Following discussion, it was moved by Maureen Wagner that our yearly membership dues be raised to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Lucy Weiland and passed unanimously.

Eleanor Houser urged all members present to look up information on the School Bell Award. This information can be found on the Indiana Retired Teachers web site.

There was discussion regarding making an Associate Membership available to anyone that is not eligible to be a full member. This could be friends, spouses or current teachers that would be interested in paying an Associate Membership fee and possibly attending meetings. These associate members would be anyone interested in supporting the education of today's youth. An associate membership is available at the state level. The associate members would not have voting rights. It was moved by Murray Pride that Putnam County Retired Teachers establish an associate membership and that the yearly dues would be \$10.00. This motion was seconded by Carolyn Mann. Motion Passed.

The officers will meet, along with anyone else that is willing to help, to write an article regarding the activities of Putnam County Retired Teachers. This should include information about becoming a member, meeting dates, our scholarship fund and how donations could be made to our scholarship fund. This article should be placed in both the Banner Graphic and Hoosier Topics.

This lead into discussion on how we could recruit more members. A list of all Putnam County retired teachers that are members of the State Retired Teachers organization will be obtained and a mailer will be written and distributed either by snail mail or e-mail. This should be completed before the October meeting.

There was discussion regarding changing our scholarship from a \$500 yearly scholarship to an every other year \$1,000 scholarship. The consensus of the members present was that it is important to keep our name out there every year by giving a yearly scholarship.

Eleanor Houser announced that Community Service Hours are due by the end of the calendar year. She has forms available if anyone needs a form.

Mary Zerkel won the 50/50 drawing. Mary received \$8.00 and \$9.00 went into our scholarship fund. Murray Pride moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:24PM. Marilyn Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Wieland and Mary Zerkel