

The PCRTA Newsletter

Affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, 2016

September 13, 2016 PCRTA MEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings begin at 12 Noon at the St. John's Lutheran Church, Enterprise Road in Ingomar

Menu – Pork roast with dressing, corn, 7-layer salad. Etc.

Program – Kelly McChristy from STRS **Greeters**—Jean House and Rosalie Doran

Blessing - Betty Brenner **Door Prizes** - Marilyn VanderSchaaff, Mary Jo Baker

PCRTA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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| <u>President</u> | Harold Niehaus | <u>Vice President</u> | Bob Fox |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Darrell Meeks | <u>Recording Secretary</u> | Janet Crelin |
| <u>Corresponding Sec.</u> | Sharon Norman | <u>Legislative Rep.</u> | George Henry |
| <u>Retirement Planning</u> | Nancy Wright | <u>Community Service</u> | Judith Looker |
| <u>Membership & Website/Webmaster</u> | Paul Ellison | <u>Member Newsletter</u> | Open |
| <u>Information & Protective Services</u> | Phyllis Marling | <u>Public Relations</u> | Sharon Norman |
| <u>Tools for Schools</u> | Rosalie Doran & Jean House | <u>Past President</u> | Janet Crelin |

PCRTA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Preble County Retired Teachers Association met on June 14 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ingomar, with 39 members in attendance. Members were greeted by Larry Russell. The welcome by President Harold Niehaus preceded lunch, which was prepared by the ladies of the church and enjoyed by all. After lunch, the business meeting was held. The Recording Secretary's report was approved as printed in the May 2016 Newsletter. The Treasurer's report was also in the Newsletter but need a date correction. Darrell Meeks passed around the basket to collect money for Tools for Schools. (Final total for Rosalie and Jean to spend is something over \$500. Thank you to all who have donated.) Sharon Norman recognized first time attendee, Bernita Conrad, a 39 year National Trail teacher. Judy Looker reminded members to continue to track volunteer hours, and congratulated all on how high the number of hours were for last year. Phyllis Marling related a computer scam that is in current use in the area, and how to avoid being scammed. George Henry stated that STRS will be announcing changes in medical coverage for next year. A representative from STRS will be the speaker at September PCRTA meeting to discuss health care. Paul Ellison was unable to attend the meeting to give updates on membership and the website. Many door prizes, including zippered bags, tote bags, and coin purses were provided by Phyllis Miller. Betty Brenner read a heartfelt plea for accepting diversity in honor of the American lives lost in Orlando. Anyone who didn't receive the most recent e-mail newsletter is urged to contact Harold, so that his list can be updated. Also, anyone able to assist with the newsletter should also contact him (harold.niehaus@yahoo.com).

Old Business: There was none to discuss

New Business: The Executive committee will discuss, at their executive committee meeting in August, to consider possibly changing the date for the November meeting because it is Election Day.

The business meeting was adjourned. Bob Fox introduced our guest speaker, David Baker, from the Ohio Humanities Council, who shared many stories and poems in his presentation, "My Ohio". The presentation was entertaining, thoughtful and relaxing as he shared his experiences teaching and writing poetry. He spoke of the art and music of words to create poetry, and how important it is in our lives.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Crelin, recording secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Bal. In Checking 8/1/16 | \$3,390.10 | Savings Certificates (3) | |
| Receipts May-July | 390.54 | | \$5,486.74 |
| Total | 3,780.64 | | |
| Expenditures May-July | 704.78 | | |
| Balance in Checking 5/1/16 | \$3,075.86* | | |

Submitted by: Darrell J Meeks, Treasurer

***Includes \$550.47 in Tools for Schools Fund (On 8/1/16 a check for \$550 was sent to R. Doran to purchase 2016 items)**

Are Your PCRTA & ORTA Dues Current?

PCRTA Annual Dues=\$10; Lifetime Dues=\$100.00

Make checks payable to PCRTA and mail the form below to

Darrell Meeks , 5091 Monroe Central Road, Eaton, OH 45320

___ PCRTA Annual Dues (Teacher) \$10.00 ___ PCRTA Annual Associate (Spouse) \$10.00

___ PCRTA Lifetime Dues (\$100.00) ___ Annual ORTA (\$30.00) ___ Life ORTA (\$500.00)

Name(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Important Information

- DONATE \$ To "TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS" Basket will be passed at each meeting.
- Check out the Website - **pcrta.org**
- Recording Secretary Cards sent since last meeting: - sent a sympathy card to the family of Nancy Amstutz.
- Are you continuing to track your volunteer hours in the community? You will be asked to provide totals at the November meeting so start now. ☺ You do not have to prove your hours or say what you did or where you worked. We will just need a total at the November meeting plus an estimate for the remainder of the year. We provide these numbers to the ORTA.

PCRTA Member Meeting Reservation Form

Cost: \$10.00 per person

*****Reservations deadline Saturday, September 10th. Checks payable to PCRTA and mail to: Darrell Meeks, 5091 Monroe Central Road, Eaton, OH 45320. Call 456-5340 with questions.**

Enclosed find \$ _____ for ___ reservation(s)

Name(s) _____ Telephone (____) ____ - _____

Address _____

E-Mail: _____

(I/We) are willing to be a "Greeter(s)" at the next Member Meeting (Arrive by 11:30 A.M.)

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THOSE WHO PREPARE OUR MEAL.