

PCRTA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Meeting

At 12:00, President Harold Niehaus welcomed 29 members and 4 guests to the PCRTA meeting on June 11, 2019 at St. John Lutheran Church in Ingomar. Members were greeted by Phyllis White and Debbie Rader. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a blessing by Bob Fox, Harold thanked the church ladies for the meal preparation. A meal of chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes was enjoyed by all. Harold also asked everyone to pass their pie two to the right, after which many groans ensued!

Janet Crelin moved and Betty Brenner seconded to accept both the secretary's and treasurer's reports. Motion carried. There are \$3653.27 in the checking account. Sharon Norman reported that she is sending articles to the newspapers and get-well cards to members as needed. Nancy Wright announced two more retirees – Karen Titkemeyer and Pam Friesel, both from Eaton. Judith Looker reminded us to keep on volunteering. Phyllis Marling gave us some suggestions about security while traveling: watch for security cameras, don't take anything expensive, buy a burner phone, and get a filter for your laptop. George Henry reported nothing new on legislation other than the COLA will be reviewed again in two years. Brenda Wright and Nancy Wright will be shopping in August for Tools for Schools. \$103 was collected today bringing the Tools for Schools total to \$550.50. Paul Ellison had nothing new on membership but reported that he is building archives of both executive and regular meeting minutes to be put on the website. Janet Crelin reported that Harold Niehaus was instrumental in implementing a common application for various Preble County scholarships since the same information was required for all applications. The number of applicants increased dramatically this year.

Scholarship certificates were presented to our two recipients. Abigail Bulach – PS – will be attending the University of Cincinnati majoring in early childhood education. Arica Hamilton – E – will be attending OSU majoring in math education with a minor in military science. Both girls and their guests were treated to lunch. Janet Crelin brought up donating school supplies, books, and Amazon gift cards to the 4th – 6th grade teachers at the Northridge school that was completely destroyed in the Memorial Day tornadoes. Harold will contact the state department to see if a state-wide effort can be instituted.

Door prizes were donated by Harold Niehaus. Nine people received prizes from Harold's vacation up the East coast along with homemade cookies and a free meal donated by Betty Brenner.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 to the Sanctuary for our program featuring our own Darrell Meeks.

After giving a brief narrative about his life and career, Darrell read original poems which are down to earth and reflect the things that happened to him in his life. Topics ranged from boobos, farmers, the Path, Thanksgiving, My Friend, senior citizens, aging, and the most important profession. He sang two songs which were adaptations of "Side by Side" and "God Bless the USA". He even had an advertisement poem about the fine wines at The Olde Schoolhouse Winery! He closed with a story about an elementary teacher's anatomy lesson – Bless Your Little Heart! Quite an enjoyable way to spend the afternoon!

The next meeting will be September 10, 2019. All retired teachers and school personnel are invited to attend. More information and photos are available at PCRTA.org.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Evans, Recording Secretary