

PCRTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Preble County ESC
March 10, 2020
3:00

President Harold Niehaus called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Members present: Harold Niehaus, Bob Fox, George Henry, Darrell Meeks, Nancy Wright, Judy Looker, Sharon Norman, and Joanne Evans.

Darrell Meeks presented the treasurer's report. There are \$2331.50 in the checking account, \$3455.87 in a savings certificate, and \$333.50 in the Tools for Schools Fund (part of checking). Nancy Wright moved and Judy Looker seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

George Henry moved and Bob Fox seconded to accept the secretary's report of November 12, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Sharon Norman, Corresponding Secretary, sent a card to Cynthia Foster who has lymphoma. Sharon will also send a card to Susan Ackerman who had foot surgery and to Paul Ellison who fell and fractured his hip. She will also get out a notice about upcoming meetings and encouraging members to use email for newsletters rather than snail mail.

Membership/Website – Paul Ellison was not present but will get labels to Harold Niehaus.

Legislative – George Henry reported that a representative from the legislative group ORSC which oversees all 5 pension plans will bring up reinstating COLA at their next meeting. It will not be reviewed until 2022. Active member contributions to STRS have increased over 40%.

Community Service – Judy Looker reported 4635 volunteer hours turned in with 25 members participating. Five people had 300 hours or more: Gleneeda Hoy, Brenda Wright, Nancy Kramer, Susan Ackerman, and Paul Ellison. Judy will make the certificates to be presented at the April meeting. Harold has submitted these hours to ORTA.

Retirement Planning – Nancy Wright has contacted all 5 schools. As of now, Tony Augspurger and Pam Coleman from TVS and Debbie Pierson from TCN will be retiring. Letters will be sent to past retirees to try to reconnect and get them to meetings.

Tools for Schools – Nancy Wright reported that we are still saving money.

Informative and Protective Services – Phyllis Marling was not present.

Meeting Programs – Bob Fox reported that the West Elkton Ensemble will perform at 11:25 at our April meeting and Misti Spillman, Executive Director of The Preble County Historical Society, will speak after lunch. Judy Looker moved and Nancy Wright seconded to give \$100.00 to the West Elkton Ensemble. Motion carried. June meeting: Mike Kessler and Phil Smith from AARP's Fraud Watch Network Circuit will present a funny, yet serious, program about senior fraud. September meeting: STRS. November meeting: Rita Ditmer will give tips for seniors about exercise and probably have us doing chair exercises!

Old Business – Bob Fox volunteered for the Scholarship sub-committee and Paul Ellison was voluntold! Other members may still volunteer.

New Business – The website renewal fee of \$299.88 is due 3/14. Paul Ellison will pay and submit the bill to Darrell. George Henry moved and Nancy Wright seconded to reimburse Paul for this charge. Darrell reimbursed Phyllis White \$200.00 for the Christmas for Kids books. Harold Niehaus explained the 4th and 5th Grade Exploration of the 16 National Career Clusters events on May 19 and May 20. 400+ 4th graders and 400+ 5th graders will spend 10 minutes per station participating in activities related to a specific career. He is in need of volunteers to man the 40 stations. Harold will present this to members at the April meeting. Do we want to make a donation of \$25-\$50 to this effort? A liaison is needed for ORTA. Anyone interested in serving the southwest region of Ohio should contact Harold. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Evans, Recording Secretary