

# The PCRTA Newsletter

Affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association

## **PCRTA MEMBER MEETING INFORMATION – NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9TH**

Meeting begins at 12 Noon at the ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH in Ingomar (2139 Enterprise Rd)

**Menu** – Thanksgiving Feast !!

**Program** – Rita Ditmer–**Exercise for Seniors (Wear loose fitting clothes to participate...should be Fun!!)**

**Greeters**– Judy Looker, Nancy Wright

**Blessing**–Betty Brenner

**Door Prizes**– Nancy Wright, Brenda Wright, Susan Ackermann

## **PCRTA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

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

## **PCRTA SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Meeting**

At 12:02 President Harold Niehaus welcomed 26 members and 4 guests to the PCRTA meeting on September 14, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Ingomar. Members were greeted by Nancy Wright and Brenda Wright. After a blessing by Bob Fox and The Pledge of Allegiance, Harold asked for a round of applause for the church ladies. Harold introduced our guests: Rodney Creech, Ohio House of Representatives; Nick Treneff, Communications Director of STRS; Tamla Cole, Assistant Director of Member Education; and Bonnie Norris, area manager for AMBA/ORTA. A meal of ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, and green beans was enjoyed by all. The Tools for Schools basket was circulated.

Paul Ellison moved and Betty Brenner seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried. There are \$1073.68 in the checking account. George Henry moved and Bob Fox seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. A corresponding secretary is still needed. Judy Looker will do cards but someone is needed to send articles about PCRTA meetings to the newspapers. Nancy Wright reported that the 7 new retirees for this year have been added to the list. At the November meeting Judy Looker will collect volunteer hours. A drawing will be held for a free lunch. Phyllis Marling reported that she had received a call from the sheriff's office that she had been sued. Hang up and call the party back to see if it's legitimate. Spending just under \$400 Nancy Wright and Brenda Wright reported that the Tools for Schools supplies had been delivered to 16 schools. Two thank you notes have been received to date. \$115 was collected today to begin the fund for next year. Paul Ellison reported 139 members and 420-450 hits on the website per month. Old Business – Newsletter and Corresponding Secretary/PR position needs to be filled. Alexis Miller sent a thank you note for her scholarship money.

New Business – Bonnie Norris from AMBA discussed member benefits from ORTA. Medicare will not pay for a hospital stay if you are in for observation. You must be admitted and stay 3 midnights before they will pay. She distributed a helpful flyer on benefits. Darrell Meeks, Janet Crelin and Harold Niehaus and his wife donated the door prizes consisting of corn, honey, cups, and pens. The meeting adjourned at 1:19 to the Sanctuary.

Nick Treneff provided a handout of the STRS Ohio Update Pension Benefits and Health Care Overview. There are 216 benefit recipients 100 years old or older. There are 157,000 retired members of STRS including beneficiaries whose key interests are COLA increases and affordable health care coverage. This has been an extraordinary year for investments – the best year since 1983 with over a 29% return. Addressing the rumor that STRS refused to turn over documents to Benchmark Financial Services for the forensic audit, Treneff stated that STRS was compliant with Ohio law turning over 22,000 pages of documents but did not turn over members personal information.

Tamla Cole spoke about the health care plans. There are some changes in the Express Scripts plan for 2022 and a decrease for about 88% of current enrollees in health care premiums. Open enrollment for 2022 medical/prescription coverage is Nov. 1 – Nov. 23.

The next meeting will be November 9 for a Thanksgiving meal and exercise tips from Rita Ditmer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Evans, Recording Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance in Checking 8/1/21	\$1073.68	
Receipts 8/1/21 to 10/1/21	485.17	
Total	1558.85	Savings Certificate: \$3002.85
Expenditures 8/1/21 to 10/1/21	669.60	
Balance in Checking 5/1/19	\$ 889.25*	

\*Includes \$195.50 in Tools for Schools Fund      Submitted by Darrell J Meeks, Treasurer

**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](http://pcrta.org)
- Corresponding Secretary items sent since last meeting: None to report
- **Are you continuing to track your volunteer hours in the community?** You will be asked to provide totals at the **November** meeting so add them up today! ☺ 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. (Remember **WE** had 4,635 volunteer hours in 2019 and who knows how many in 2021?!?)

**\*\*PLEASE CALL OR MAIL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH THANKS!**

**PCRTA Member Meeting Reservation Form      Cost: \$10.00 per person**

**\*\*\*Reservations deadline THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH. Checks payable to PCRTA and mail to: Darrell Meeks, 5091 Monroe Central Road, Eaton, OH 45320. Call 937-456-5340 with questions.**

Enclosed find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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