

The PCRTA Newsletter

Affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, 2019

PCRTA MEMBER MEETING INFORMATION – NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 12TH

Meeting begins at 12 Noon at the Preble County Historical Society (7693 Swartsel Rd. Eaton, Ohio 45320)

Menu – Picnic Lunch - Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Pasta Salad in a cup, Fruit cup, Bag of chips Cookies or Bars (Dessert), Bottled water

Program – Alyssa Stark, Director of History and Education with the Preble County Historical Society

Greeters– Harold Niehaus, Nancy Wright

Blessing–Bob Fox

Door Prizes– Harold Niehaus

PCRTA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

<u>President</u>	Harold Niehaus	<u>Vice President</u>	Bob Fox
<u>Treasurer</u>	Darrell Meeks	<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Joanne Evans
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sharon Norman, retiring	<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>	Brenda Wright & Nancy Wright	<u>Past President</u>	Janet Crelin

PCRTA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Meeting

At 12:00, President Harold Niehaus welcomed 29 members to the PCRTA meeting on November 12, 2019 at St. John Lutheran Church in Ingomar. Thirty-four members were registered but, due to weather, five were unable to attend. Members were greeted by Mary Jo Baker and Marilyn Vanderschaaf. After a blessing by Betty Brenner with a special tribute for Veterans' Day and the Pledge of Allegiance, Harold thanked the church ladies for the meal preparation. The traditional Thanksgiving meal was enjoyed by all.

Janet Crelin moved and Betty Brenner seconded to accept both the secretary's and treasurer's reports. Motion carried. There is \$2346.50 in the checking account. Harold noted what a great job Sharon Norman does in getting us in the newspapers. She had nothing to report. Nancy Wright had nothing on Retirement. Todd and Diane Alexander, new retirees, introduced themselves. Judith Looker reminded us to keep volunteering. She will compile the volunteer hours for the January ORTA report. Marilyn Vandershaar won the drawing for a free PCRTA lunch for her volunteer hours. Phyllis Marling reminded us to say no to everything and informed us that the new smart TVs know everything about us! Don't stop for distressed vehicles if you don't know them. Call 911. There was no Legislative report. \$120 was collected today for Tools for Schools bringing the total to \$333.50. Paul Ellison reported that January 1 marks the official membership year for ORTA. It is the only organization that speaks to STRS about current retired teachers. The website was down a bit in hits.

There was no old business.

New Business – Phyllis White asked if we want to participate in the Christmas for Kids book program for this year. Last year she purchased about 100 books at Ollie's. More than 750 kids received books last year. Nancy Wright moved and Susan Ackerman seconded to pledge \$200 for the Christmas program for books. Motion carried. Help is needed to sort toys at the old L & M building.

Eleven members received door prizes of homemade bread, buckeyes, and decorative cloth pumpkins from Susan Ackerman, Nancy Wright, and Brenda Wright. Thank you, Ladies!

The meeting adjourned to the Sanctuary at 1:11. Since Deputy Austin Snowden was unable to attend the meeting, our own Harold Niehaus, Career Connections Director, presented our program.

After giving a brief history of his various teaching positions, Harold explained his duties as Career Connections Director. He has been hired for two years and has 15 goals to accomplish. He has met with every senior in the county (over 310) for 15 minutes over the last 4 weeks and will try to meet with all juniors at the end of the year. Harold has developed career activities for all grade levels K-12 and will start a Junior Leadership Program for the Chamber of Commerce to begin next month. He recommended the book Grit, by Angela Duckworth, about career choices, parenting, and lots of life lessons. A very informative program!

The next meeting will be April 14, 2020. 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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Checking 1/1/20	\$2331.12	
Receipts 1/1/20 to 5/1/21	494.84	
Total	2825.96	Savings Certificate: \$3000.00
Expenditures 1/1/20 to 5/1/21	1054.20	
Balance in Checking 10/1/19	\$1771.76*	

*Includes \$333.50 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**
- Corresponding Secretary items sent since last meeting: - Sharon Norman sent cards to the family of Rosalie Doran and to Marti Eley-Paul, when her husband Steve passed away.
- **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 know how many in 2020!?)

Mr. Darrell Meeks
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****PLEASE CALL OR MAIL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS BY THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD THANKS!**

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

*****Reservations deadline Thursday, June 3rd.** 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) Sandwich I would like is: Ham or Turkey (Circle one)

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

Address _____

E-Mail: _____

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