

PCRTA Secretary's Report –

The Preble County Retired Teachers Association met for lunch April 14, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ingomar with 38 people in attendance. Larry Russell greeted members as they entered. Following the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance by President Crelin, Barb Cox offered the prayer.

Prior to the committee reports, President Crelin shared her medical problems from the use of Aspartame and other artificial sweeteners and mentioned that it was her 50 year class reunion this year and that Bill Homes was her principal and H K Steiner was her history teacher.

The Recording Secretary's report was approved as printed in the March 2015 Newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the Newsletter. Darrell is still accepting local and ORTA dues.

Paul Ellison explained that those who receive the email version of the newsletter will have an attachment listing membership dates. Sharon Norman has sent several cards and is notifying contiguous school districts, via email, that their retiring members are encouraged and welcomed to join the PCRTA. She continues to try to get information about our meetings into local newspapers and wondered if anyone had contacts to help that process. Judy Looker awarded 3 members a free luncheon because each had over 300 volunteers hours in 2014. Congratulations and thank you Jo Ann Hoffman, Phyllis Wesler and Becky Daum. A collection was taken for next year's "Tools for Schools". Phyllis Marling related a story about a couple receiving free flowers but giving credit card numbers to pay a small amount for wine. NEVER give out unsolicited information. Nancy Wright reported that there are 19 retirees expected this year with possible more to be reported. .

Old Business: Janet Crelin reported on programs for 2015 and that we still need one for the November meeting. The group would like to have a musical performance from one of the schools and members were asked to volunteer to find a program. She again asked for someone to volunteer to be Secretary.

New Business: Marilyn Vanderscoff was introduced as a guest and then she won a door prize too. Phyllis White, Paul Ellison, Becky Smith and Teresa Freeman also won door prizes donated by Phyllis Marling.

The next meeting is June 9, 2015 and the program will be presented by our own Barb Cox discussing one room school houses in Preble County. Phyllis White and Phyllis Wood will be the greeters and Betty Brenner will offer the blessing. Jo Ann Hoffman will bring door prizes.

President Crelin adjourned the business meeting at 1:00.

Heidi Bortel, talked about the **Senior Home Repair Program through the HIT Foundation.** Those who would like to volunteer or who might need or know someone who needs help were encouraged to call 973-472-0500. **Jim Cain, ORTA benefit**

manager, explained the many benefits available to association members that most of us were not aware of. (Many of us made appointments with him later in the weeks to review our Medicare supplemental options, etc.) He will make appointments with others who are interested but couldn't attend the meeting. Phone # 614-946-4868.

TREASURER'S REPORT 5/1/2015

Balance in Checking 3/1/15	\$ 3,241.38 *Includes \$466.67 for "Tools for Schools"
Receipts (March/April '15)	\$ 806.55
Total	\$ 4,037.93
Expenditures (March/ April)	\$ 769.15
Balance in checking 05/1/15	*\$ 3,268.78
Savings Certificates (CD's)	\$ 4,799.75 total of 3 CD's

Darrell Meeks, Treasurer