

Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
February 10th, 2017

The Executive Board of the HCRTA met at Johnson's Ice Cream Shoppe at 9 AM on Feb 10th, 2017. Following a breakfast meal, the meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider.

The treasurer's report listed a current balance of \$3,494.69. Motion to accept the report was made by Sandy Honemann, seconded by Terry Witt. President Shrider shared that the books had been audited by Marvin Barlow and everything was reported to be in order.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy chairs Sandy Honemann and Marlene Smith continue to send greetings to members. They have donated the funds to buy cards and stamps and do not wish to be reimbursed.

Retirement Planning: Chair Greg Merrill reported that he had sent out a survey to the schools to gauge interest in having a STRS representative present a seminar in Feb/Mar and received only one reply. Discussion then centered on whether to perhaps repurpose this committee to focus on living with retirement, or perhaps how to structure retirement monies, as the teachers seem to be receiving information on retirement planning from other sources. This would require a change in our constitution, to recommend doing away with this committee, or to restructure its purpose. Further discussion considered the possibility of revising some other positions and/or committees as well. A motion was made by Becky Schindler, seconded by Faith Hurst, to ask for volunteers to form a committee to make recommendations about amending the constitution in these areas. Motion passed.

Membership: Nan Bretz reported that we will have a new member, LeAnn Kraft. She found out about HCRTA through the website.

HCRT Foundation: Terry Witt reported that due to changing needs, the Foundation has made revisions in the meeting schedule for the Board. Revisions in the Foundation by-laws reflect these changes.

Discussion was then held on whether to continue with the Together We Can Make A Difference project for our charitable contributions. A motion was made by Terry Witt, seconded by Karen Maassel to continue with them. Motion passed. Contributions to Habitat for Humanity collected last year will not continue in the new year.

Catering was then discussed. Marc Matheny was very understanding about the cancellation of the December meeting. Since he had other engagements where he could use the food he had purchased for the meal, he did not charge HCRTA anything for the cancellation. President Shrider had discussed the new year with him, and he is willing to continue with us. His price will be raised to \$11.00 for the meals. After discussion about charges for the building and other expenses, a motion was made by Steve Seagrave to have the cost of each meal for the new year be \$13.00. The extra \$2.00 will be used toward building rental, speakers, and other expenses and for support of the group overall. Sandy Honemann seconded the motion, and the motion passed. It was also suggested to try putting "tip jars" on the tables at each meeting to raise revenue for the group. Bev Wittes will make collection jars for this purpose. A brief discussion then followed on whether to change the meal reservation method. It was decided to leave it as is for now. As no one volunteered to take over as chair of the caller list, President Shrider assumed those duties for now. Volunteers are always needed for table decoration committees.

Greg Merrill suggested that at the December meeting, a display be made of the group's donations and accomplishments for the year. This could include scholarships awarded, volunteer hours, charitable donations, etc. This would be a way to celebrate all that the group contributes to the community each year. The committee thought that this was a good idea and Greg volunteered to put the information together and make the display when the time comes.

Terry Witt has volunteered to become the assistant to the editor of the newsletter.

A motion was made by Steve Seagrave, seconded by Becky Schindler, to authorize the President to approve compensation of speakers. Motion passed.

Meeting programs for the year were presented. They are:

March 13, 11:30 AM: Nancy Helmke speaking on the Grain Train project

May 8, 5:30 PM: Megan Spengler will speak on her career as an author of young adult novels

July 10, 5:30 PM: Penny Miller, trainer of service dogs

September 11, 5:30 PM: Sandy Zekurish portrays Betsy Ross

November 13, 11:30 AM: Black Swamp Medicine Girls Jeanne Caryer and Susan Wiesehan will share antique medical devices and treatments

December 11, 2:00 PM (note the new time) the musical group Nostalgia will entertain

As there was nothing further to bring to the attention of the committee, the meeting was then adjourned.

Bev Wittes, Sec.