

HCRTA Executive Meeting  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Executive Committee of HCRTA met at Johnson's Ice Cream Shoppe at 9 AM on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Following a delicious breakfast meal, the meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider.

President Charlotte noted that she had received a report from Marvin Barlow, stating that he had audited the books and found everything to be in very good order. Thanks to Treasurer Duane Ressler for an excellent job with the accounts of the organization. President Charlotte also noted that she had filed all required state reports by the due date in January.

Meeting Times - A brief discussion was held concerning whether to change the times for the meetings, changing all to 11:30 AM. This question was brought up by a member. Pros and cons of the idea were discussed by the board and it was decided to get input from the general membership at the March meeting. Times for this year have already been set, so any changes that may be made would not take effect until the following year.

Menu - President Charlotte shared the menus for the year from caterer Marc Matheny. Prices for the meals are not expected to change for this year.

Member Issues - Both President Charlotte and newsletter/website editor Steve Seagrave expressed thanks to those who let them know of concerns for members, so that they can pass that information on to the membership in a timely manner. Please continue to keep them updated.

Retirement Planning - Gregg Merrill reported that the Retirement Planning Committee is preparing informational materials about HCRTA, our goals and accomplishments, to be distributed to area schools. In this way it is hoped we can reach out to potential new members, by giving information about our group to those who may be reaching retirement age.

HCRT Foundation - President Terri Witt was pleased to report that the amount given for each scholarship this year will be increased to \$1500.00. The due date for the first scholarships will be extended to April 6, due to Easter falling on the first of the month. Committee members will be delivering the application forms to area guidance counselors in person, so that they are able to answer any questions and promote increased participation in the process.

Oberhaus Park Rental - Discussion was held concerning a potential cost increase for renting Oberhaus Park. Costs for this year have been secured, but may increase the following year. One suggestion was to allow the Foundation to pay the rent for December, as that meeting is considered their official meeting date for the year. This will be brought and discussed at the Foundation board meeting in March and their recommendation on the issue would then be presented to the general membership. Other ideas were to use some of the "tip money" that has been collected at each meeting for this expense. This money has been used to help offset the cost of outside speakers, but perhaps part could go to the rent of the building. It was also brought up that \$50 is given by HCRTA each year to the Foundation in memory of members who passed away. As the Foundation currently has sufficient funds, it was suggested that this money could be kept in the general account. A motion to that effect was made by Duane Ressler, seconded by Terri Witt. Motion passed. Any other cost saving ideas from the membership are welcome.

Directory - Steve Seagrave will be preparing the 2018 directory soon and may be asking for information from committees and members for this book.

Membership - A discussion then followed on how to attract new members. One idea was to put a “packet” of information on the website. This could be printed out by any member, to be given to a potential new person. Personal contact with new people is always key and in this way more members could be involved in outreach. Any other suggestions are welcome as to how we can attract new people to join us!

Volunteer Hours - It was also suggested that a list of activities that qualify for volunteer hours be posted in the newsletter. As a group we had 5000 hours tallied this last year, but the feeling is that there are probably many more hours that are being under-reported. Retired teachers give so much to our community and we want to document that value!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary