

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association  
Secretary's Report  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider thanked the volunteers who helped to set up for the day, and Bonnie and John Eddy for bringing decorations for the tables. She then asked volunteers from each table to hold signs with the names of best selling toys from past Christmas seasons. With help from the crowd, these were arranged in order and tables were to be dismissed in that order to the serving table. Following the blessing, a delicious meal of prime rib and sides was enjoyed.

Following the meal, the business meeting was called to order. The Secretary's report was accepted as written and the Treasurer's report was also accepted and filed for audit.

President Shrider gave special recognition to four members for their exceptional number of community service hours. Those honored were: Gene Grime, Becky Schindler, Shirley Mires-Fejes and Delores Short.

**Committee Reports:**

**Courtesy:** Sandy Honemann and Marlene Jones both reported sending Christmas greetings to various members. It was reported that Becky Schindler has broken her collarbone. Carolyn Plassman may appreciate a ride to meetings. Sue Burson was sent a card of sympathy on the loss of her husband.

**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Steve Seagrave reported both website and newsletter are updated. He asked if members might like an enlarged print version of the newsletter.

**HCRT Foundation:** Jerri Osborn reported that the committee will meet on January 5, 2016, to begin the process of selecting scholarship winners for next year. Faith Hurst will be leaving the Foundation Board and Linda Wagner will be joining as of March. Gene Grime added comments on the finances of the Foundation.

**Old business:**

President Shrider asked Charlie Meyer to report on what he had learned about Habitat for Humanity. He had inquired in Fulton County, as Henry County does not have a unit. Various donation levels are available, with one level being a contribution of \$50 per square foot toward the construction of the house. After general discussion from the group as to whether to continue with our current charity or move to a new project, Jan Schlade made a motion to have two baskets available at each meeting for donations, one for Together We Can Make A Difference and one for Habitat for Humanity. Bill Lytle seconded the motion and it was passed. It was also added to the motion that donations would be monetary only from now on, instead of bringing items as we have in the past.

President Shrider then asked if we wanted to continue to meet at Oberhaus Park for the new year. Rosemary Pfau made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Terri Witt. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

Anyone who has a good idea for a program or speaker for 2016 is encouraged to pass the information on to Nancy Hoover.

The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:30. The program for the meeting is not yet set, so watch the newsletter for information when it becomes available.

During the meeting, President Shrider had drawn names of winners for Christmas door prizes. Gary Ritchey, Margaret Mueller and Coleen Jamison were the lucky winners. Winner of the 50/50 drawing for this meeting was Barb Walker.

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone enjoyed a Christmas concert presented by the group Nostalgia. The group members included Garry Cline, Mark Schwiebert, Dan Seedorf and Shellee Murcko. Bev Ernst, also a member of the group, was there in spirit, with her recorded vocals contributing to the songs since she was not able to attend. The group presented a wonderful selection of Christmas music that certainly put us all in the spirit of the season!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary