

Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
July 11, 2016

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider welcomed guests Clete Schindler and our 2016 book grant winners: Allison Lamming, Drew Garringer and his parents and Madelyn Dishop and her mother. Following the blessing, a delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. There was no reason for anyone to go away hungry, as the tables were laden with all kinds of wonderful choices.

Following the meal, Terri Witt introduced the book grant winners and they each in turn introduced their parents and told a little about themselves and what they are studying. Terri first read a very nice thank you note from Michaela Jones, who was unable to attend. She was the recipient of the King Book Grant. She attends BGSU and is majoring in Early Childhood Education. Then, Drew Garringer spoke, introducing his parents and telling us that he is also studying at BGSU, working to be a high school social studies teacher. Drew was awarded the Griffith Book Grant. Madelyn Dishop followed, telling us that she is studying currently at the Lima branch of OSU. She introduced her mother, who is a teacher at Liberty Center, and Maddie hopes to follow her footsteps by majoring in Early Childhood Education. She was the winner of the Sherman Book Grant. Finally, Allison Lamming was introduced as winner of the Brubaker Book Grant. She is a student at BGSU, and hopes to be a high school biology and anatomy teacher. Congratulations to all of these students and we wish them the best as they continue to work toward their degrees and a future in education. Terri commented that this year there were many deserving applicants and the committee had wished they could have awarded more grants. She also thanked the readers who volunteered to help and asked that anyone interested in doing so in the future let her know, as the committee would like to maintain a list of persons interested in helping.

Next, Rosemary Pfau spoke to the group about women who served a vital role in World War II, helping to train pilots of B-29 bombers. Rosemary read a short history of their contribution, and was also responsible for bringing a collection of hats for table centerpieces as a tribute to their service.

The business meeting was then called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented. A Thank You note was read from Adam Tracy, director of Children's Lantern, who spoke to the group in May, for the donation of \$178.00 collected at the meeting and donated to their cause.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Mary Jane Myrice reported visiting Martha Potter.

Legislative: Becky Schindler had handouts available concerning health care in 2017.

Membership: Nan Bretz was unable to attend, but sent a form with Charlotte, asking members to sign up to make a personal contact with prospective new members. She sent out 21 packets in recent weeks.

President Shrider recognized Duane Ressler for being recognized as the Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club.

Old business: President Shrider reported that one newsletter was returned this time, from Sue Mohr. If anyone knows Sue's current address, please let Charlotte know. Charlotte also noted that she was included in two photos in the current ORTA publication, as she represented our group at ORTA meetings.

New Business:

Volunteers were sought for the nominations committee. Jan Schlade, Ruth Johnson and Charlie Meyer were chosen. They are to present a slate of officers at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 12th at 5:30 PM. Speakers for the meeting will be from the Henry County Hospital and will talk on the topic of Senior Fitness. Charlie Meyer and Steve Seagrave were reminded that they have volunteered for set up at that meeting and Bev Wittes and Sandy Honemann are to bring table decorations.

Throughout the meeting, President Charlotte picked persons to answer the trivia question: which locations were among the top five tourist attractions in the US? Charlie Meyer was a winner of a drink pitcher with the number one answer, Disney World in Florida; Nancy Schink won picnic plates and a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card with her answer of Las Vegas; and Diane Buchhop won burger baskets with her answer of Times Square.

To end the evening, auctioneer Gene Grime and his “Vanna” helpers, Anne Rausch and Jamie Bostelman, conducted the White Elephant Auction, with the proceeds to go into the general account of the group for future programs. Much laughter and fun was shared by all of the bidders and the lucky winners went home with new treasures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary