

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
December 11, 2017**

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 recognized guest Rowena Gramling. She thanked Duane Ressler and Karen Maassel for helping with set-up and decorations, along with others who pitched in as well. Tables were dismissed to the buffet by putting into order Christmas movies. A prayer was offered by Charlotte, including a tribute to member Jack Fruchey, who recently passed away. A variety of appetizers and desserts were then sampled and all were delicious!

After everyone had their fill of the Christmas feast of goodies, the business meeting was called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Concerns were noted for members Shirley Williams and Linda Gill. Shirley Baldwin was sent condolences on the loss of her brother. Christmas cards have been sent to homebound members as well.

Legislative: Becky Schindler offered a report on various legislative issues, including health care.

Community Service: Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table. He also made pointed out a chart prepared by Gregg Merrill, which noted that the group has donated close to 5000 volunteer hours this year. He asked that members continue to keep track of and record their volunteer hours, as this is an excellent way to show the value retired teachers bring to their communities.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Steve Seagrave distributed fliers he had secured from the State Attorney General's office concerning computer/phone scams. He had received the information after a personal experience with a scam phone call that he reported to the Attorney General's office. This is valuable information to have in our busy digital world.

Education Foundation: Chair Terri Witt informed the group that member Jan Schlade would be ending her term in March. Gregg Merrill was nominated by the committee to fill the empty slot on the Board and he was unanimously elected by the membership.

Old Business: Bill Lytle moved, seconded by Rosalie Ashenfelter, that the group continue in the new year with Together We Can Make A Difference as our charity. Motion passed.

Dan Baer moved, seconded by Pam Schwiebert that we move the December meeting back to the noon time slot, if that time is available. Motion passed.

Rollie Rettig moved, seconded by Barb Walker, that we continue to use Oberhaus Park as our meeting place. Motion passed.

Bill Lytle won the 50/50 drawing. With no further business to bring forward, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Bev Phillips, seconded by Mary Ann Wade.

The group was then treated to a delightful time of musical entertainment provided by the group Nostalgia. They sang several Christmas songs, including one during which several members of the audience helped with the sound effects by playing frog instruments and whistles. Just the thing to get everyone in the holiday mood!

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary