

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association  
Secretary's Report  
November 11, 2019**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the tables were dismissed by needs of Shepherd's Circle.

Following the meal, Cecily Rohrs gave an interesting and informative talk about the efforts of the Shepherd's Circle based in Archbold. The organization provides for individuals that are at a point in their lives that they need someone to nurture and "walk with them" until they get back on their feet.

President Shrider opened the meeting. The treasurer's and secretary's reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Committee Reports:**

**Courtesy** - Marlene Jones asked for prayers for Wayne Short, Sue Roby and Larry Siclair.

**Legislative** - Chuck Klamer advised members to look over health care benefits and make changes before December deadline. A petition was sent around addressing the Federal Windfall Exclusion legislation for Social Security benefits.

**Membership** - Nan Bretz reminded group that new member forms were on the table.

**Community Service** - Jan Schlade reported that members logged 1500 volunteer hours. Tom Jenny, Steve Seagrave and Phyllis Hesterman recording the highest for this period.

**Education Foundation** - Linda Wagner stated that the most recent financial audit was perfect and thanked Gene Grime for his meticulous records.

**Old Business:**

Gene Grime thanked the volunteers that distributed 210 dictionaries to the Henry County third graders.

Bev Wittes attended the regional meeting. She reported that Dale Atkins was elected President of ORTA. Topics discussed were: How to get new members and the possibility of scholarships for teachers presently teaching.

**New Business:**

Patty Hill asked for volunteers to help with Santa Shop at Liberty Center.

Faith Hurst, Bill Lytle and Greg Edwards agreed to be on the nominating committee for needed offices.

Bev Wittes made the motion to continue meeting at Oberhaus Park for the 2020 year with Mark Matheny as caterer. Bill Lytle seconded it.

Steve Seagrave reminded members to take off name tags as you leave.

Door Prizes were drawn. Jan Schlade received free meal for December.

Charlotte Shrider won \$24.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

President Shrider gave a thank you to the November set up team and hostesses.

The next meeting will be at 11:30am on December 9, 2019. Set Up Team is Rich and Faith Hurst and Steve Seagrave. Hostess is Jamie Bostelman.

Linda Wagner made a motion to adjourn. Nan Bretz seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary