

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
July 12, 2021**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, President Charlotte recognized the hostess (her) and the set up volunteers Greg and Duane for the evening. The tables were dismissed by what condiment was on the hot dog on the table centerpiece.

Following the meal, Terri Witt announced the 2021 Book Grant Foundation Winners. Allyssa Jackson and Callie Seedorf received the Griffith Family Book Grant. Emma Burkey received the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant. Max Weaver was awarded the Karen Brubaker Book Grant and Audrey Wade received the King Book Grant.

Justin Ruffer and Robert Lipscomb from the Napoleon Police Department along with police dog, Luke, were introduced. Ruffer explained the research he had done to obtain the dog. Funding for the canine officer was obtained through grants and 33 private donations. Lipscomb, Luke's trainer, talked about the 400 hours of training Luke received to prepare for his duties to help track felons, sniff out drugs and help to clear buildings. Although well trained, Luke is constantly being taught to become a better officer.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy - none

ORTA news and notes - Steve Seagrave updated the group on the audit and urges everyone to read the Executive Summary and then CONTACT your state senator. ORTA wants clarity as to what has happened to funds and is suing the STRS for information.

Membership - Nan Bretz mailed packets to several teachers that had retired this spring.

Community Service - Jan Schlade reported that members logged 1065 volunteer hours. Larry Zachrich and Bev Wittes were the top volunteers.

Education Foundation - Terri Witt reported that the Foundation needs volunteers to help.

Old Business:

It was decided to continue give out dictionaries to children in area elementary schools.

The Community project was discussed. Bill Lytle made a motion to support the Humane Society for the remainder of the year. Gregg Merrill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bev Wittes volunteered to take the donations brought in to the Humane Society.

New Business:

Mary Ann Wade volunteered to take over the name tag job. Thank you to Becky Schindler for your years of service.

Becky Schindler won \$18.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on September 13, 2021. The Henry County School superintendents are scheduled to speak.

Nan Bretz and Fiends will serve as hostesses. Duane Ressler and Charles Meyer will set up.

Nancy Hoover made a motion to adjourn. Dan Baer seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary