

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
November 8, 2021**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, President Charlotte recognized the hostesses, Pam Schwiebert and Diane Meyer as well as the setup volunteers Greg Merrill, Faith and Rich Hurst. The tables were dismissed by a contest based on Broadway trivia.

Following the meal, Doris Piercefield, a costume designer for Stranahan Theater spoke about her job and experiences at the Theater. She brought costume changes and demonstrated how quickly a person must move behind the scenes.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy - Members Linda Wagner and Carol Agler had knees replaced but doing well, Chuck Klamer passed away unexpectedly and Steve Seagrave lost his wife in October.

ORTA news and notes - Carol Wolf gave quick update. Your \$300 insurance rebate was to pacify you, Steve Seagrave urges you to continue to write letters, read and keep up with information about how STRS is misusing your money.

Membership: none

Community Service - Jan Schlade reported that members logged 1065 volunteer hours. Tom Jenny, Bev Wittes and Pam Schwiebert were the top volunteers.

Education Foundation - Steve Seagrave spoke for deceased president (Chuck Klamer) about HCRT Foundation 2021 proposed bylaws changes. The changes are to deal with (1) filling board openings when the Annual Meeting is cancelled and (2) expanding the elected Board members from the current five to seven members. If adopted, we will have three positions to fill at the December meeting so interested HCRTA members are encouraged to contact him. MOTION: Steve Seagrave made motion to accept the proposed amendments. Terry Witt Seconded the motion. APPROVED.

Old Business:

Dictionary Project - Gene Grime noted he put an article about the project in the newspaper. He shared with the group that many of his quotes in the newspaper articles he writes are taken from the bottom of **Menard Flyers**. The Dictionary fund was given \$180 dollars from the Carolyn Plassman estate. Mr. Grime explained that not all schools want dictionaries any more. Napoleon third graders received math fact flash cards instead.

Nominations - The Nominating Committee presented the slate of 2022 officers. **President:** Charlotte Shrider, **Vice President:** Bev Wittes, **Secretary:** Pam Schwiebert, **Assistant** Diane Meyer, **Treasurer:** Greg Merrill, **Assistant** Duane Ressler and **Past President** Charlie Meyer. The membership voted to elect the slate of officers as presented.

New Business:

The next meeting will be at 11:30am on December 13, 2021. Angela Tonjes will entertain the group with her harp.

Bev Wittes and friends will serve as hostesses. Come early to help set up if you can.

Rosalee Ashenfelter made a motion to adjourn. Renee Weaver seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary