

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
March 13, 2023**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for March 13, 2023, was called to order by President Bev Wittes. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Wittes thanked the setup volunteers Charlie Meyer and Greg Merrill and Bev Wittes Mini Patriots and Sandra Honemann for hosting.

Following the meal, Robin Rayfield Executive director of ORTA updated the group on what was happening at STRS and how inept the current leadership is. He also stressed how important it is to get active teachers involved so they can vote for leadership that will be capable of representing teachers and reform what is broken.

President Bev Wittes then called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were printed in the newsletter. A motion to approve them by Rosalee Ashenfelter and seconded by Terry Witt was passed.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy South: Prayers asked for Sandy Honemann as she cares for ill husband.

Courtesy North: Bev Curtis is recuperating at home. Mary Jane Myrice has been ill.

Community Service: Bev Wittes and Phyllis Hesterman were recognized for the most reported volunteer hours.

Education Foundation: Patty Hill read Annual Foundation Report to the members.

Historian: Faith Hurst reminded members to give any articles seen to her at the next meeting.

Old Business:

LifeWise will continue to be our designated charity for the 2023 year. All Henry County schools are participating this year.

Charlie Meyer has volunteered to be an assistant helping Steve Seagrave with the web site.

New Business:

The 2023 Host/Hostess Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. Please see Bev Wittes if you would be willing to help with hosting or setting up.

If you have ideas to promote attendance and new membership contact Charlie Meyer or Bev Wittes.

The Executive Committee decided to discontinue the dictionary project due to lack of school interest. The Retirement Planning and Informative Services committees have been put on hold until membership shows a need.

Vice President Charlie Meyer announced Don Allison will be at the May meeting to present information about the importance of the Underground Railroad in Northwest Ohio.

50/50 drawing: Charlie Meyer won the door prize.

Karen Maassel made motion to adjourn. Rosemary Pfau seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schwiebert
Secretary