

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
December 11, 2023

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December was called to order by President Bev Wittes. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, President Bev recognized the host/hostess committee: Nan Bretz as well as the setup volunteers Greg Merrill, Faith and Rich Hurst. The tables were dismissed by The Twelve days of Christmas picture clues. President Wittes changed the order of the meeting so that the group could enjoy Christmas games.

She then opened the business meeting. The treasurer and secretary's reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy South – Sandy Honemann is doing better.

Courtesy North - Marlene Jones reported Becky Schindler is improving, Karen Maassel's husband having surgery.

Community Service - Jan Schalde recognized Bev Wittes for most service hours. Nancy Baldwin, Kirk Fruth and Patty Hill were also recognized for their community service.

Legislative/Membership - Steve Seagrave was not present but sent an informational handout on STRS with Charlie Meyer to be passed on to teachers. He challenged the group to LET SOMEONE KNOW the financial situation with the STRS report. The STRS could make better decisions and make so much more with better investment to enable return of the COLA.

Old Business - Brochures to promote membership are ready, be sure to share with retired and actively working teachers. The group voted to continue to meet at Oberhaus Park for the 2024 year.

After some discussion Greg Merrill made a motion to keep Hills as the caterer and to Check with Mama Mir for the July meeting. Rosemary Pfau seconded the motion.

Rosemary Phau made a motion to continue to support LifeWise for another year. Lifewise donations go to all four county schools.

New Business - Volunteer list was passed around for 2024 host and set up. 2024 officer and committee nominations were approved. The Executive Board will meet sometime in January to plan the new year. If you have any program suggestions, please contact Bev Wittes or Charlie Meyer.

Following the business meeting members that participated were given White Elephant Christmas gifts by Santa Charlie. Charlotte played her organ as we sang Christmas Carols. A Holly Jolly time was had by all. Bill Lytle won the 50/50. Linda Wagner made a motion to adjourn. Jan Schlade seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary