

Minutes of Highland County Retired Teachers Association Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2018 – 12 noon
Ponderosa Banquet Center

President Bob Hottle welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim Faust led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing of "God Bless America". Members having birthdays in July, August and September were recognized and Jim led the group in singing Happy Birthday. Guests in attendance were introduced. They were Janet Florence and David Grover of local Lions Clubs, Steve Roush of the Highland County Press, Jana Holbrook and Dave Stratton of the Highland County Fair Board, Kathy Griffith of the Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center and Brooke Beam of Agriculture and Natural Resources/Community Development Extension Educator for Highland County.

President Hottle offered prayer and a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch, guest speakers were Mrs. Jana Holbrook, Junior Fair Coordinator, and Mr. David Stratton, Senior Fair Interim Secretary. Mrs. Holbrook gave an update on the many things involved with the Junior Fair, and Mr. Stratton gave a presentation on the history of the Highland County Fair. A brief question and answer session followed. Everyone enjoyed the interesting and informative program.

The business meeting followed.

Secretary's Report: The report had been mailed to members and it was approved on a motion by Joyce Baker and a second by Kathy Levo.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Pulse reported that a CD in the amount of \$1039 had been cashed. The current balance is \$3726.80. She also said that \$597 had been received for the scholarship fund. This includes \$172 in general donations, \$165 in memory of Pamela Nickell, and \$260 in memory of John Burton. \$341 was also received for the Redi-Fest program. A complete financial report had been included with the mailing for the August meeting. Doris also reminded everyone to get their meeting reservations in a week before the meeting. Please!!

Scholarships: Mary Black told members that this is the second year to offer three scholarships. Two scholarships are being renewed: Olivia Mitchell of Fairfield who is majoring in Early Childhood Education/Special Education and Madison Radcliff of McClain who is majoring in Secondary English. The new recipient is Shelby Dodds, a 2015 McClain grad, who is studying Animal Science. Each will be receiving \$500.

Membership: Jim Faust said there were very few retirees this year, and he had talked to three from Lynchburg who he hoped would attend the next meeting.

Necrology: Cindy Eigel was unable to attend the meeting so Bob Hottle gave the report. The former educators/school employees remembered were Pamela Nickell, John Burton, George Schaffer, Dawna Jo Kiesling, Karen Armstrong, Avenell Armstrong, and W. Roush.

Legislative: Charles Newland's report included some info on NPR Radio and a State Plan on Social/Emotional Learning.

Retirement Prospects: Several people have been invited and it was suggested that someone go to the schools' opening meetings and tell those planning to retire soon about membership in HCRTA.

Media: Kevin Black had nothing new to report.

Community Service: The money donated to Redi-Fest (\$341) will be split five ways. Daryl Uhrig was thanked for her help with community service projects for the past several years.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lunch plans for the November meeting were discussed. Using the Ponderosa Banquet Center costs \$40 per meeting plus the guarantee of 40 lunches at \$10 each, which is due even if less people attend. After much discussion, Mary Elmore made a motion to hold the November meeting at Ponderosa (if it is available) and Daryl Uhrig seconded the motion; motion carried. The date will be November 5th.

Joyce Baker reported on last year's HCRTA Christmas tree at the Highland House Museum. Also helping Joyce were Loretta Dean and Daryl Uhrig. This year's theme is "Nature's Christmas" and Joyce showed some decoration she had made. The tree will need to be decorated the week of October 22nd, with the museum opening for Christmas on November 3rd.

It was also mentioned that the Highland County Women's Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet is scheduled for August 14th.

The possibility of a joint meeting with another county's retired teachers' group was mentioned.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st at Bell Gardens.

A motion for adjournment was made by Kathy Levo and seconded by Dianna Coffey.

The next HCRTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Neal