

The August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Highland County Retired Teachers was held at the Senior Citizens Center. Following a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fresh seasonal fruit, rolls, dessert and beverages, Ryan Lippe from the Ohio Attorney General's office presented a power point program on Senior Scams. There were 38 people in attendance including our speaker Ryan Lippe and Highland Co Auditor Bill Fawley who introduced Mr. Lippe.

President Bob Hottle called the August 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of HCRTA to order at 1:20pm. The secretary's report was amended as follows: Barb O'Connor was a guest instead of new member. Motion on the attempt to raise the money for the plaque was made by Kathy Levo. Marilyn Myers moved to accept the report as amended. Kevin Black, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Doris Pulse reported that since the treasurer's report was published she has received \$190 for Soles for Students, \$112 for scholarship fund, and \$185 for the HCHS plaque. She requested that people pay attention to meeting registration deadline published in the newsletter so there can be adequate number of meals prepared. Doris moved that HCRTA pay Kathy Levo for newsletter expenses and herself for name tags. Mary Black 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Necrology: In the absence of Cindy Eigel, Bob Hottle read her report. Shirley Marie (Baker) Walker passed away July 7, 2016. She taught for 20 years in the Lynchburg Clay and Blanchester schools. Patricia Hamilton Narcross passed June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She served as a secretary for 30 years with the Greenfield Exempted Village Schools. Opal McMurray died May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She served as a cook for 30 years at Washington Elementary in Hillsboro.

Scholarship: Mary Black reported this was a labor of love and thanked Glenn Armstrong for his 14 years as the previous chair as well as the counselors at local high schools and Southern State Community College. Olivia Mitchell, a recent graduate of Fairfield Local HS is pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education at SSCC. She'll receive the HCRTA Scholarship of \$300. The Harold Spargur Memorial Scholarship of \$300 is awarded to Madison Ratcliff, a recent Greenfield McClain HS graduate. She is pursuing a career in Secondary Language Arts Education at Shawnee State University.

Legislative: Charlie Newland was not present.

Pre Retirement: Elaine Riggle reported that STRS representative would conduct a workshop at HHS on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be a light meal served. RSVP is requested in order to plan for room space and meal. She'd like to have information on organizations that need volunteer help and also a financial planner to briefly share information on retirement planning. The following individuals have volunteered to go attend staff meetings to inform current teachers of the workshop and to post flyers in buildings. Beverly Rhoads – Hillsboro City Schools, Jim Faust – Lynchburg Clay, Loretta Dean – Bright Local, Rhonda Simpson – Greenfield McClain and Nona VanDenBerg – Fairfield Local. Elaine also asked that HCRTA members consider volunteering to be mentors to new teachers. As there was discussion on what the meal & its costs would be, Pamela Nickell moved that the preretirement committee make the decisions in that area. Dianna Coffey, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Community Service: Daryel Uhrig passed the box for August project: Soles For Students and invited suggestions for November meeting. Mary Black moved that it be sleepwear for children. Jim Faust 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Members can bring money or items such as pkgs of underwear, t-shirts, pj's, etc.

Website: Kevin Black reported that the site was more up to date and we are on Facebook and members could click to like it. Brochure was added about a job opportunity. A firm is seeking individuals to conduct 2017 educational assessments in 4-8 grade. Go to [hcrta.weebly.com](http://hcrta.weebly.com) for information.

HCHS Union School Project: Pamela Nickell reported that about \$300 of the \$700 needed has been raised. She distributed a handout regarding the project. Kathy Levo moved that the deadline for this project be our November meeting. Jim Faust, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Calling Tree: Jim Faust reported we had re-introduced the calling tree and asked for comments. They were favorable so it will be continued.

#### Under New Business

Women's Hall of Fame: Kathy Levo stated that 5 were being inducted at the 2016 ceremony on August 16<sup>th</sup> at SSCC. Tickets are \$16.00 and inductees included one of our very own – Mary Ann Larkin. Other inductees were Anneka Collins, Paige Juillerat, Gayle Coss and Marilyn Anders.

Habitat For Humanity: Karen Faust and daughter-in-law Tiffany Faust reported that the next house to be built will be in Lynchburg. There will be Duck Race on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Ducks are available for \$5.00 and will be dropped in Clear Creek. 3000 ducks are to be sold with first prize of \$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500. There was also the possibility of \$50,000 if your duck was one of the first 10 to cross the finish line. There will be a 5K run/walk held in conjunction with Duck Race. \$25 pre entry, \$35 later. Volunteers are needed to help that day and also at the store "New To You". Currently the store is open 4-7 on Tues and 10-2 on Saturday. If more volunteers, it could be open more. Members were reminded that Habitat For Humanity is an ORTA project this year.

Next Executive meeting will be 9:30 am Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bell Gardens.

Next regular meeting will be Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Hope Short from STRS. Subject – Health Care  
Jim Faust moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn Neal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.