

## Minutes of February 19, 2024 MCCRTA Executive Board

**Attendance:** Lois Lust, Dennis Swartz, Fred Rode, Pat Lynch, Cathie Rhoades, Linda Aufdencamp, Jeanne Keller, Pat Baldinger, R.J. Bicking, Peggy Hafer (Conferred with by phone—Fred Saull & Monica Granger)

The Executive Board of the Marion City/County Retired Teachers Association met at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 19th at Pat Baldinger's residence. President Fred Rode called the meeting to order.

### REPORTS:

**Secretary:** Linda Aufdencamp reviewed the minutes of the August 13, 2023 Executive Council Meeting. A line in the Scholarship Report was corrected to read that the "MCCRTA will choose two winners of \$1,000.00 each" for the scholarship awards. Jeanne Keller moved to accept the report as corrected. Pat Lynch seconded. The motion carried. A thank you note from Cheryl and Mike Huffman was shared thanking the Executive Board for the monetary gift received after their house fire.

### Treasurer:

- Pat Lynch shared a thank you from Kendra Hildreth, graduate of River Valley attending Otterbein College, for the MCCRTA scholarship check she received.
- A new up-to-date membership list was distributed to all executive board members in attendance.
- A Certificate of Deposit was reported as updated in January which paid 5.1% interest and will come due at the end of October 2024.
- The 2023 Year End Report was submitted showing a total income of \$10,478.40 and total expenses of \$9,654.02, Including the CD's currently held, the net worth was \$13, 274.23. \$5,366.06 of that amount is earmarked for textbook scholarships.
- The July 30, 2023 to February 19, 2024 Financial Report revealed income of \$7,858.40 and expenses of \$6,714.95. The textbook fund is at \$5,366.00. Funds in CD's total to \$4,869.48

### Legislative:

- R.J. requested that members encourage active teachers to vote for Michelle Flanagan for the STRS board.
- The Wade Steen case was reported to be in the appeals process.
- The League of Women Voters is collecting signatures for a ballot initiative to redraw voting districts in Ohio.
- Vote 411.org was recommended as a valuable resource for voting information.

**Question:** A 3-year ORTA membership for \$75.00 mentioned in the Annual ORTA Newsletter was discussed. Members who select this option are urged to notify treasurer, Pat Lynch. This discount is being offered by AMBA—an insurance company with many diverse services.

### Programming:

- A representative from STRS will speak at a 5:00 pm general membership meeting on March 4th.. A speaker for active teachers will also attend to share information in a separate location.

- The April meeting speaker will be Cassie Gregory of the Council on Aging.
- The May meeting speaker is to be clarified.

**Hospitality/Necrology:** Pat Baldinger will greet members on arrival. Names for a future necrology service included. Marjorie Bowes, Marjorie Abrams, Thomas Cehelnik, Jack Graham and Carl Telfer.

**Newsletter:** Board members accepted a quote from Laipply's Printing and Marketing Solutions in Marion for 250 copies printed in color for \$157.00 plus tax. It was decided to pass out copies at the next meeting, to save costs. The newsletter will be sent to the email list. Copies will be sent by U.S. mail to those who do not attend or receive them by email.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Scholarship Winners: A committee to choose the scholarship winners was formed from volunteers on the Executive Board representing each school in the county including Marion City. Pat Baldinger volunteered her house as a site for the meeting.

Directory: Patty Lynch shared a copy of the new directory updated by member Betty Anderson. They will be distributed at the March meeting. Members requesting copies by mail will pay \$4.00 for shipping & handling.

Nominating Committee: Fred Rode is planning to ask Monica Granger to chair the nominating committee to acquire candidates for all offices on the ballot. Officer positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary.

Budget Committee: As the budget is for two years, a budget committee is not required this year.

Resignation: Pat Baldinger moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Eldonna Ballinger as Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board. Jeanne Keller seconded. The motion carried.

Volunteer Hours: Fred Rode shared that the volunteer hours recorded on the ORTA report for this past year totaled to 10,512 hours and 23 minutes.

Janitor Tip: Dennis Swartz moved that the MCCRTA purchase a VISA gift card for \$50.00 (plus the fee) to be presented to the head custodian at Tri Rivers to spend at his discretion as a thank you to the custodial staff for their services. Lois Lust seconded. The motion carried.

General Meeting Menu: Pat Baldinger clarified that the meal for the March meeting will be provided by a private caterer from McCutchenville. There will be a \$25.00 delivery fee. Members will pay \$15.00 for the full course dinner meal.

Announcement: Kiwanis Pancake Day will be March 9.

Peggy Hafer moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Swartz seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Aufdencamp, Recording Secretary