

## Minutes of March 2, 2020 MCCRTA Meeting

The March 2, noon meeting of the Marion City County Retired Teachers, was called to order by President Fred Rode in the Tri-Rivers Auditorium. Ken Moody, ORTA Regional Liaison, was welcomed and introduced himself to be of assistance as needed. Pat Baldinger offered the invocation and dismissed tables to the buffet lunch. The Tri-Rivers culinary students were recognized for their service. Dennis Swartz introduced Randy Winland, MCCRTA member, local author and historian who shared a comprehensive report of the activities planned for the Marion County Bicentennial. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **REPORTS:**

**Secretary**—Pat Baldinger and Darlene Alexander moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer**—Pat Lynch announced that the scholarship for Krosbi Clark of Elgin has been paid following the successful completion of her first term of college and read a thank you note from her. Fred Rode directed that the treasurer's report appearing on the agenda be submitted for audit.

**Legislative**—R. J. Bicking noted the ballot issue for MCBDD, early voting and the primary on March 17. April 28 was announced as the date for the Speed Dating Event to be held at the Marion Senior Center featuring representatives of 10 non-profits in our area. Members were advised to check the OEA website for endorsement decisions. The audit of STRS financial records received good reviews. It will probably be 20 years or more before we see a COLA payment. An income based approach to Education Choice Vouchers (previously based on the grade card rating system) continues to be discussed. Parents who lose SNAP payments must apply for their children to continue receiving free lunches. Students are losing free lunch access when parents lose SNAP and do not apply.

**Community Relations**—MCCRTA broke our previous record for the # of volunteer hours reported.

**Protective Services**—Linda Dietrich submitted a document titled "How to Recognize and Protect Yourself From Scams" that was distributed at the tables.

**Programs**—Fred Rode shared that programs through November are being arranged by Fred Saull.

**Scholarship**—Dennis Swartz has delivered applications for two students from Harding and one from Elgin for this year. The MCCRTA Executive Board has taken action for this to be the last year that we will carry over a school's eligibility when only one scholarship is awarded.

**Newsletter**—Dennis Swartz commented that he was able to include photos in the newsletter of former scholarship winner, Kayli Long of Ridgedale, because of her continuing relationship with us as a student at Wilmington College. Linda Aufdencamp noted that the first emailing of the newsletter was based on the response during the fall membership drive of persons who responded that they would be amenable to receiving the newsletter by email. Anyone wishing to be added to the newsletter email list should contact her at a future meeting or by phone at 740-387-7485.

**Telephone**—Eva Blankenship thanked callers for their service.

**Necrology**—Darlene Alexander assisted Pat Baldinger in conducting a necrology recognition for Dorothy Kepford-Barbiche, Frederick Murphy, Nancy Mally and Margaret Hazelett.

**New Business**—Fred Rode requested volunteers to serve on the nominating committee.

**Announcements**—The April MCCRTA General Membership Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 31 in the Tri-Rivers Auditorium for a noon meeting at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Aufdencamp, Recording Secretary