

Minutes of April 1st, 2024 MCCRTA General Meeting

Opening; The Marion City County Retired Teachers met at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 1st at Tri-Rivers. Fred Rode invited members to enjoy recollecting April Fool's antics during their teaching careers. Pat Baldinger offered prayer, and dismissed tables to a full course buffet.

Following the meal, Fred introduced Kathy Gregory of the Marion County Council on Aging. She shared the history of the agency and information about funding. Services described included meals, housekeeping, personal care and respite for caregivers. Other programs mentioned were transportation, personal shoppers, adult day care, Senior Day at the Fair and a support group for dementia.

Business Meeting:

Opening: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary's Report was approved. Pat Lynch referenced the Treasurer's Report printed on the agenda and noted that directories were still available. Directory corrections were distributed. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership: Monica Granger facilitated distribution of door prizes donated by Monica Granger, Norma Stump, Darlene Alexander and Betty Anderson. Recipients were Bill Wixstead, Danae George, Pat Lynch and Norma Stump. Sandra Novatny gifted members on a first come-first served basis with drip pans for pie baking.

Legislative:

- R.J. Bicking reminded members that petitions were available after the meeting for those wishing to support the drive for fair elections by having an independent citizens committee determine the voting districts.
- The 10th District Court of Appeals will decide whether the governor had authority to remove and replace Wade Steen from the STRS Board.
- Active teachers should be urged to vote for Michelle Flanagan for the STRS Board.
- The summary into the investigation of Bill Neville (STRS Director) discussed at the last STRS Board Meeting was presented as having no clear evidence of illegal actions. However the board determined that his leadership abilities are in question. Whether he will be reinstated or move on from STRS is to be determined.
- ORTA President Dean Dennis, addressed the STRS Ohio Retirement Board at the March meeting concerning current investment practices.

Newsletter: Dennis Swartz shared answers to the trivia questions published in the newsletter.

Necrology: Pat Baldinger led members in recollecting memories of Thomas Cehelnik, Marjorie Abrams, Marjory Barnes, Jack Graham, Carl Telfer, Stephen Stuart, Paula Dunn, Lynn James and Robert Buckley.

New Business: President Rode announced that Monica Granger will chair the nominating committee and invited members to volunteer to serve on the committee. Pat Baldinger and Darlene Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting

Announcement: Next Meeting, Monday, May 6, 5:00 pm at Tri-Rivers Auditorium
Respectfully submitted, Linda Aufdencamp, Recording Secretary

