

## Minutes of October 2, 2023 MCCRTA General Meeting

**Opening;** The Marion City County Retired Teachers met at 12:00 pm on October 2nd at Tri-Rivers. President Fred Rode welcomed those attending and introduced new member, Roxanne Sullivan. Fred offered the invocation and called tables to select box lunches. Fred Saull introduced Kristi Wink who narrated a performance by the Palace Lady Tappers.

The business meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes were approved. Pat Lynch, treasurer, read a thank you note from the manager of the Humane Society recognizing cash and items donated at the September meeting. The large balance on October 1, 2023 of \$8773.97 in the MCCRTA treasury will be decreased when dues are forwarded to their destination. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership—Monica Granger welcomed the new member. Door prizes from Pat Lynch, Darlene Alexander, Monica Granger, Fred & Margie Saull, Eva Blankenship and Betty Anderson were awarded to Roxanne Sullivan, Joan Kasotis, Jan Hulse, R.J. Bicking, Dianne Krumnow and Joyce Roberts.

Legislative—R.J. Bicking reported that the Pension Defense Fund is being utilized for legal fees related to challenging the governor's removal of Wade Steen from the STRS board. A decision is expected soon in the case pushing for information about the private equity holdings of the STRS. The voucher system has been expanded to include people earning up to \$100,000. Members were encouraged to use [Vote 411.org](http://Vote411.org) to research Issues One and Two in the upcoming election. The Marion Star Voter Guide will be in the October 5th edition. Candidates night is October 10th at Harding High School. Early voting begins October 11th.

Community Relations—Jeanne Keller encouraged members to call volunteer hours to her.

Protective Services—Linda Dietrick shared about happiness peaks, stages of old age and the advantages of living after age 60. "Don't Worry, Be happy," was her closing advice.

Programing—Fred Saull related information about new scamming schemes. Cindy Bihn of the Explore-It-torium is the scheduled speaker for November. STRS is providing speakers for both Active and Retired teachers in March.

Scholarship/ Newsletter—News for the February newsletter should be submitted to Dennis Swartz. THE MCCRTA Scholarship is open to all schools this year.

Telephoning—Eva Blankenship thanked those who call her with information. Fred commended Eva for her efforts in providing the meal for the day's meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** Vice President & Public Relations positions are still open.

### **New Business:**

- Members shared feedback regarding the cost of meals to help in decision making going forward.
- Information regarding a new military support group will be shared next month.

### **Announcements:**

- Contact Jodi Somerlot for information about joining the Buckeye Backers.
- Contact Fred or Margie Saull about attending the October 24th Buckeye Bash
- Next General Membership Meeting, Monday, November 6, 12:00 noon at TRCC
- Web site: <http://mccrta.weebly.com>

Respectfully submitted, Linda Aufdencamp, recording secretary