

Minutes of November 11, 2019 MCCRTA Executive Board

Attendance: Fred Rode, Monica Granger, Linda Aufdencamp, Pat Lynch, Dennis Swartz, Fred Saull, Eldonna Ballinger, Peggy Hafer, R.J. Bicking, Jeanne Keller, Linda Dietrich, Eva Blankenship, Jo Ann Zimmerman, Sandra Novatny, Darlene Alexander

The Executive Board of the Marion City County Retired Teachers Association met at 2:00pm on Monday, November 11. Fred Rode called the meeting to order.

REPORTS:

Secretary—Fred Saull moved to approve a printed copy of the minutes of the August 5th Executive Board meeting. Eva Blankenship seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report— Treasurer Pat Lynch reported data from August to November.

- Reminders for dues payment were sent out to 25 members.
- The majority of the funds added to the checking account were reported to be from dues, payment for meals and contributions to the Textbook Scholarship Fund. The balance in checking is \$5115.52. The total income was reported to be \$6,437.00.
- The Textbook Scholarship Fund's current total is \$2003.02. Donations to the Textbook Scholarship Fund that accompanied dues payments totaled \$705.00. An additional \$218.00 was added to the Textbook Scholarship Fund from the green plates on tables during the meals. A suggestion was made to consider increasing the scholarship amount at a later date as the current amount is modest compared to other scholarships being awarded in area schools.
- Expenses for the reporting period totaled \$4091.91.
- A CD worth \$2,117.81 will mature on 1-29-2020. A CD worth \$2,438.50 will mature on 3-25-2021.
- Approximately 400 August newsletters were sent out. The cost per copy was \$1.65 including paper, printing and postage.
- Dennis Swartz moved that the Tri Rivers Career Center tip money be paid when the bill is received. Monica Granger seconded. The motion carried.
- The higher cost of the evening meal in May (due to using an alternate caterer) was discussed. Darlene Alexander moved that we raise the cost of the meals beginning in March to \$13.00. JoAnn Radwin seconded. The motion carried.

Telephone—Eva Blankenship announced that a revised list for caller use has been created.

Community Service—Jeanne Keller noted that she is currently contacting a few more people to report their hours for the end of the year report.

Protective Services—Linda Dietrich was commended for the excellence of her reports as a new person in this role.

Legislative—R.J. Bicking reported that she is continuing to monitor various reports to choose the most interesting items to report at meetings. The committee was reminded that Dental and Vision Insurance is on a 2-year cycle and not eligible for a change this year unless the covered individual has experienced a life style change (death, change in marital status, etc.)

The deadline for other changes to insurances is before Thanksgiving. Also mentioned, was that our STRS prescription insurance has no donut hole.

Programming—Fred Saull is working on programs for the rest of the year. Several ideas were mentioned. A report from a local superintendent will be pursued. The date of the September meeting was clarified for program planning. To avoid meeting on Labor Day, the September meeting will be on Monday, the 14th.

Retirement—Jo Ann Zimmerman shared that she will not be available to chair the Retirement/Pre-Retirement Event next year. She suggested that it may be valuable to check with ORTA for programs conducted at other chapters related to active teachers. It was discussed that free meals as an incentive for active teachers attendance be discontinued if the event continues in the future. Reservations made by teachers who decide not to attend are a problem.

Newsletter—Dennis Swartz urged that articles and trip reports are needed by January 15th for the February newsletter. Linda Aufdencamp volunteered to create a computer list of emails to use in distributing the February newsletter. Protecting the privacy of the email addresses in this process was noted.

New Business:

- President Fred Rode noted that a nominating committee is needed. Recommendations of non-executive committee members were suggested for contact.
- An April meeting conflict related to use of the auditorium for student testing, spring break and Easter Monday resulted in recommending Tuesday, March 31st as an alternate date for the April meeting.
- A date for the next Executive Board meeting was scheduled.
- Meetings for the remaining 2019-2020 year were announced as follows:
 - March 2, 2020—12:00 noon
 - April—March 31, 2020—12:00 noon
 - May 4, 2020—5:00 pm

Announcements:

- Next General Meeting—March 2, 2020, 12:00 noon, TRCC Auditorium
- Spring Executive Board Meeting—February 3, 2020, 2:00pm, location “To Be Arranged”

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Aufdencamp