

Mason County Retired Teachers
July 9, 2019

The ladies of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Manito served a group of 26 retired teachers and three guests a delicious summer meal of sandwiches and salads. Donna Stelter received the free meal. We welcomed Rich Frankenfeld from TRS and Vanessa Hall-Bennett and her husband. Vanessa is the director of the Havana Public Library.

Program

Vanessa Hall-Bannett gave a very interesting talk on, "The Care and Keeping of Your Family History." She explained where and how to store all types of keepsakes including: photos, letters, certificates, and ticket stubs. She stressed the importance of Ph balanced papers, boxes, folders, and sleeves. She also

stated that we should never use pens for writing on items. She said to store like things together and never laminate anything.

Rich Frankenfeld, who is the Director of Outreach for the Teachers' Retirement System, talked about our pension system and the changes including buy out options.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by co-president Terri McDowell. There was a collection taken for the Havana Food Pantry.

Minutes

Minutes were read and approved. The motion was made by Mary Caldwell and seconded by Bernice Hall

Treasurer's Report

As of July 9, 2019 the balance was \$1,881.39.

Committee Reports:

It was reported by the Communications Committee that Linda Rumler's husband has stage 4 lung cancer.

Bonnie Kammeyer gave the report for the Legislative/Email Committee. She said they are allowing teachers to return to working without it affecting their retirement. Also, they're trying to do away with the basic skills test for students who are becoming teachers since only 25% were passing it because it was very difficult.

Darla Westergreen reported for the Program Committee that everything is "under control" for future programs. One highlight is that Chuck Collins will be coming in March!

Patricia Showlater reported that the audit had been completed.

The Nominations Committee initiated a discussion about the nominees for the Educational Programs Committee. It was noted that this would be the third term for the following ladies: Mary Caldwell, Darla Westergreen, and Kris Hahn. After discussion, Kris Hahn will be replaced on the ballot by Jeanne Wunderle. The other two ladies will continue to serve on the committee. Terri McDowell has accepted the position of co-president but only for one year. The office of secretary will be filled by Sue Strauman.

No other committees had a report.

No Old Business

New Business

Mary Caldwell was nominated by Darla Westergreen and seconded by Bernice Hall

to be our member to be honored at the IRTA convention that will be held on October 14, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Motion carried.

Delegates representing and fees paid by MCRTA will be: Christy VanEtten, Mary Caldwell, and Sandy Pottorf. Others may attend if they want to go. They will need to pay their own fees.

Christy and Terri have been working on the by-laws and reported that they have it on the computer.

The collection for the Havana Food Pantry was \$179.00 plus a bag of food.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the San Jose Methodist Church. Our program will be presented by Brenda Stadsholt. She will be sharing with us her trip to Cuba. Free

meal for our September meeting was won by Virginia Crase. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36.

Respectfully submitted by Rosalie Wilmot