

PVREA Minutes  
May 2, 2012

President Guy Roggenkamp called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Guy then read the PVREA Statement of Purpose. Each officer was introduced: Guy, President, Martha McGahan, VP, Marlin Sekutera, Treasurer, Linda Dahlstrom, Secretary. Jan Barnason, NSEA-R rep and Jim McGahan, all things techie, were also introduced. Linda Riley, sunshine chair, was introduced followed by a request for her replacement. There were 38 members present.

Jan Barnason was our speaker for this meeting, presenting slides and souvenirs from her many travels. She asked us to pay attention to the number of countries she tells us about in her presentation titled "Tales of a Traveling Teacher." Funding for these trips comes from carefully calculating how much substitute teaching she must do in order to pay for them. The inspiring PowerPoint presentation was her memory book from her trip to China last summer. Jan gave us useful packing tips, such as vacuum bags and small carry-ons. Several members were rewarded with chopsticks for accurately keeping track of the names of the countries she has visited so far in her retirement.

The minutes from February 1 were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2614.09 as of April 30, 2012. The report was approved. No bills were presented. Marlin thanked those who pre-paid their dues for next year at the check-in table.

#### Old Business

Jan Barnason reported that ten PVREA members attended the Spring Conference at Boy's Town in Omaha in April. The actor portraying Teddy Roosevelt, Darrel Draper, was a highlight, as well as the beekeeper from western Nebraska, Ernie Griffiths, an artist from Grand Island, Matt Placzek, along with several interesting break-out sessions.

Fall Conference will be held in Lincoln this year on October 2. A venue is still needed and Guy called for ideas of a place that could accommodate 100+ people plus smaller meeting rooms.

Christy Hewitt reminded everyone of the Relay for Life to be held June 15 at Northwest High School, a much larger location.

Guy reported that the spring retirement seminar held at Walnut MS hosted 44 potential retirees who listened to a presentation by Roger Rea.

Flo Crandall and Christy Hewitt recalled the ELDA Testing experience from March at CCC. Fewer retired teachers were needed as more GIPS staff was used and fewer ELL students are now being tested, as per state guidelines.

Delegate Assembly was held April 20-21 in LaVista, NE, where NEA President Dennis Van Roekel spoke. U.S. Senator Ben Nelson honored NE Senator Lathrop. Also, the president of NSEA-R and the SEAN group spoke up to be considered voting members, but were turned down again. This would involve a change in the by-laws.

Guy took nominations for office of vice president. Martha McGahan was voted back in.

Guy took nominations for office of treasurer and Mary Ann Niemoth was voted in.

Marianne Fitzgibbon volunteered to be our new sunshine chairman. Please contact her at [mfitzgib1@gpcom.net](mailto:mfitzgib1@gpcom.net) with news of a member needing a greeting from PVREA.

Guy then called for ideas for future programs for PVREA.

Next year's meetings will be:

September 5, 2012 – Sherry Beem Clark (Nebraska Humanities Council)

November 7, 2012 – Mr. Eurick from Shelton – The G.I. Ammunition Depot

February 6, 2013

May 1, 2013

Much appreciation was expressed for the refreshments, which were provided by Karen Newcomb, Yvette Englehaupt, and Sharon Roggenkamp.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Dahlstrom, PVREA Secretary