

PVREA Minutes
September 5, 2012

President Guy Roggenkamp called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All present stood for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Guy read the PVREA Statement of Purpose. Officers were introduced: Guy Roggenkamp, President, Martha McGahan, Vice-president, Mary Ann Neimoth, Treasurer, Linda Dahlstrom, Secretary, Marianne Fitzgibbon, Sunshine Chair, Jan Barnason, NSEA-R rep, and Jim McGahan, Technical Advisor. There were 41 members present and 10 guests.

Guy introduced our guest speaker for the meeting, Cherrie Beam-Clark of the Nebraska Humanities Council, which provided major funding for this project. Her presentation was about the early life in the Nebraska Sandhills as told through the stories of "Merriah," an Irish immigrant woman who moved there with her family in the 1870's. During the lively one-hour presentation, the audience learned of the many joys and hardships of building a home and ranch in that difficult geographic location. Ms. Beam-Clark stayed in character throughout, making the stories and landscape come alive. From digging out her first home on the side of a hill, to the birthing of her tenth child all by herself, her retelling mentally and emotionally transported us to those times. "Merriah" is part II of her three-part presentation. The third part will be presented in Wood River on October 20, 2012.

Business Meeting:

The minutes of May 3, 2012, were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given, showing a balance of \$2858.60 as of September 1.

Nine new members stood and introduced themselves. Welcome!

Marianne Fitzgibbon reported sending out 3 cards this summer. Please contact her at mfitzgib1@gpcom.net with any concern that needs a greeting card. The members agreed to also send cards to Tom Black (NSEA-R newsletter editor) and his daughter who are facing health challenges right now.

Guy reported our new Employee Identification Number (EIN) as #30-0744748, which is required for PVREA's non-profit status regarding our bank accounts.

Jan Barnason reported that the NSEA-R Fall Conference will be held October 23 north of Schuyler at the St. Benedict Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pete Peterson requested a member list that includes addresses and phone numbers. A lively discussion followed regarding privacy issues. Pete made a motion for PVREA to produce a member list that includes names, mailing addresses, emails, and phone numbers, where each member may choose to be listed or not. Motion carried. Jim McGahan will put together this membership list and send it out via email for each member's approval for inclusion.

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by LaVila Van Boening, Flo Crandall, and Linda Dahlstrom.

The next meeting will be November 7, 2012, which will be our traditional Veteran's Day salute.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dahlstrom, secretary

