

**Platte Valley Retired Education Association**  
**September 4, 2013 Meeting**  
**Hastings YMCA**

The Platte Valley Retired Education Association met September 4, 2013, at the Hastings YMCA. President Mary Ann Niemoth called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Officers present were Vice-President, Martha McGahan; Treasurer, Christy Hewitt; and Secretary, LaVila VanBoening. Others present were Guy Roggenkamp, NSEA-R Tri-Valley Director; Marianne Fitzgibbon, Sunshine Chair; and Jim McGahan, Technology Support Chair.

President Mary Ann Niemoth introduced Tim and Pam Smith, retired teachers from Hastings, who shared some of their experiences traveling in Kenya. Tim and Pam accompanied their son Eric in 2011 who, through his work, had won a trip for two to Kenya. Their presentation was very entertaining and educational.

Business Meeting

President Mary Ann Niemoth called the business meeting to order at 2:45 pm. After members said the pledge to the flag, Mary Ann read the PVREA Purpose Statement. The minutes of the last meeting were distributed. Guy Roggenkamp moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Rod Epp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Mary Ann Niemoth, as the past treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of July 1 was \$2858.60. She reported that some program speakers are not able to accept payment for presenting a program due to being paid by the Nebraska Humanities. Marianne Fitzgibbon made a motion, and Laverna Epp seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The bills presented for reimbursement were for supplies (Christy Hewitt) and copies (Mary Ann Niemoth). A motion was made by Marianne Fitzgibbon to accept these bills for payment. Bonnie Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Christy Hewitt reported 33 members being in attendance, including two new members—Linda McKnight and Cathy Morgan.

Sunshine Chair, Marianne Fitzgibbon, asked that members let her know when cards need to be sent to members. She reported that a sympathy card was sent to Gail Bond (death of mother). Guy Roggenkamp reported on the condition of Jan Barnason's husband and asked that a card be sent.

President Mary Ann Niemoth reported that at the last meeting she consented to serve a two-year term as president. Christy Hewitt agreed to serve the last year of Mary Ann's two-year treasurer's term. Martha McGahan is on the second year of a two-year term as Vice-President.

Linda Dahlstrom served two two-year terms as secretary. When approached by President Mary Ann during the summer, LaVila VanBoening consented to serve as secretary. A motion was made by Jan Greenland and seconded by Andi Brown to approve LaVila as secretary. Motion carried.

The reimbursement for refreshments was a discussion item. Presently \$25.00 is given to the members providing refreshments. After much discussion, a motion was made by Sharon Hughes to reimburse the serving committee \$45.00 per meeting. Cindy Shellhaas seconded the motion. Becky Johnston made a motion to amend the motion to state “up to \$45.00. Sharon did not want the wording of her motion changed. After voting upon the original motion by a voice vote, it was determined by President Mary Ann Niemoth that there were more “Yeas” than Nays.” Therefore the motion passed—that \$45.00 be allotted per meeting for refreshments. During the discussion Guy Roggenkamp mentioned that the refreshments do not have to be a “buffet.” Martha McGahan was recognized and praised for notifying the refreshment committee serving for each meeting and preparing the coffee and tea. The paper goods are provided by the PVREA. The September meeting’s refreshment committee was thanked.

Sharon Bohling questioned how the money in the treasury was going to be used. A discussion followed. President Mary Ann Niemoth suggested using funds from the treasury for reimbursing members attending the Fall Conference at the Metropolitan College in Omaha on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The NSEA mentoring program was another suggestion. The mentoring program pairs up beginning teachers with a retired teacher. Jim Fitzgibbon made a motion that \$1000 be given to the mentoring program. Sharon Bohling seconded the motion. In the discussion, Linda Dahlstrom stated that the mentoring program received money from NSEA, and funding it is not necessary. Sharon Bohling suggested that a donation be made to the NSEA Children’s Fund. The motion was then changed to state that \$1000 be given to the Children’s Fund. Motion carried. Guy Roggenkamp requested that Al Koontz at NSEA and other newspapers be contacted and given the information about the PVREA donation.

The Fall Conference is scheduled in Omaha on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jan Greenland questioned if car-pooling could be arranged for traveling to this conference. No action was taken.

President Mary Ann Niemoth informed the members in attendance on the location of the up-coming meetings. The November and May meetings will be held at the Grand Island Platte Valley Bank. The February meeting will be held at the Hastings YMCA.

A motion was made by Guy Roggenkamp and seconded by Pete Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried.

The PVREA September meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

LaVila VanBoening  
PVREA Secretary