

PVREA Minutes
September 7, 2011

President Guy called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. After the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Stan Urwiller read the PVREA Statement of Purpose. The officers were introduced. Guy Roggenkamp is President, Martha McGahan is Vice-President, Marlin Sekutera is Treasurer and Linda Dahlstrom is Secretary. Jim McGahan is the communications chair and Linda Riley is courtesy committee. There were eleven new members who stood and introduced themselves. Fifty people were in attendance.

Linda introduced the guest speaker, Leslie Vollnogle, Curator of Collections at Stuhr Museum, who led a lively presentation of kitchen gadgets from pioneer days. Each member was encouraged to match the letter of the name to the number. Some items were familiar, but many were not, which made for an interesting guessing game. Leslie did tell us the right answers, and the roomful of teachers was quite relieved!

The minutes of the May 4 meeting were read and approved (Bonnie Watkins/Jim Fitzgibbon). The treasurer's report was given and approved (Pete Peterson/Marianne Fitzgibbon). It was noted that the membership totals will be counted from May 1 to May 1 from now on. As of this meeting, there are 69 paid members.

Jan Barnason, NSEA-R representative, announced October 4 as the date for the annual Fall Conference, which is being held at the Nebraska Nature Center in Alda and hosted by PVREA. Call Rebecca Smith at 1-800-742-0047 for reservations, or register online after September 15 at NSEA.org. Please call Guy Roggenkamp (308-383-3579) if you can work as a volunteer at the Fall Conference. Jan also reminded members to consider buying a lifetime membership in NSEA- Retired before the dues go up. Contact Jan for more information.

Guy reported on the NDE meeting on July 19 with Lynn Cronk. Members are encouraged to input ideas and comments at www.education.ne.gov/standards survey. Or email comments on standards to standards.input@nebraska.gov.

Guy and Jim McGahan showed the new website and our local association at www.NSEA.org/members/retired/LRO. So far, PVREA is the only local featured there. Guy has been behind this idea for several years and it is finally coming to fruition. Member input is encouraged to make this a useful site.

Guy promoted future involvement in volunteering for the State Fair next summer. Linda handed out information for volunteering at the City Library. Leslie encouraged volunteering at Stuhr Museum also.

The next meeting will be November 2 at 2:00 p.m. and will feature Nancy Klimek, Director of the Veterans Home, speaking on the history of those lovely buildings there. The meeting will honor veterans and each member is encouraged to bring a veteran to introduce. Andi Brown, Jan Heady, and Jan Barnason will bring refreshments.

Interesting door prizes were given out. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dahlstrom, PVREA Secretary