

PVREA Minutes

May 1, 2013

President Guy Roggenkamp welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on this cold and snowy day. There were 30 members present today. Officers and committee chairs were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Mary Ann Niemoth, Treasurer, Linda Dahlstrom, Secretary, Martha McGahan, Vice President, Guy Roggenkamp, President, Marianne Fitzgibbon, Courtesy Cards, and Jim McMahan, Tech Support were present. Jan Barnason, NSEA-R District Rep, was absent, due to the inclement weather. Guy asked everyone to update any changes on the current membership list. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, in unison. Guy read the PVREA Mission Statement with much pride in his voice.

Our guest speaker was Shawn Rossi, Senior Forecaster, with the National Weather Service in Hastings, Nebraska. He presented a PowerPoint on “What is Normal? Climate vs. Weather, the Drought, and What is in Store.”

The NWS mission is “to issue watches, warnings and advisories for the protection of life and property for the people of the United States and its territories.”

Normal is considered the average weather over a 30-year period. Extremes are the record high and low temperature and precipitation. 2012 was the driest calendar year on record for Grand Island. However, Nebraska’s drought has improved in the first four months of 2013. There have been only three measurable snowfalls in May in Nebraska and this meeting day was one of them!

For more information, contact www.weather.gov/hastings or www.ncdc.noaa.gov.

On Facebook, search for US National Weather Service Hastings, NE. Ask for Mike Moritz from the Hastings center for school or group presentations.

Reports: A correction to the minutes was noted, that Martha Goodall is not a new member as stated, but renewed her membership in February. Marianne Fitzgibbon moved and Jim McGahan seconded to have the minutes approved as published in an email to members. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3212.33 and a total of 79 members. Bills were presented by Marianne Fitzgibbon for postage and by Guy Roggenkamp for cookies at the retirement workshop. Marianne Fitzgibbon moved and Rod Epp seconded that these bills be paid. The motion carried. Christy Hewitt moved and Chuck Hamner seconded to have the treasurer’s report approved. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Niemoth passed out membership lists to those not at the last meeting. Everyone was encouraged to email Guy with any changes or corrections. Groggenk@charter.net.

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Our Courtesy Card chairperson, Marianne Fitzgibbon, reported she sent out two cards since the last meeting. She encourages all members to please be her eyes and ears about who may need a card sent in their behalf.

Guy passed out PVREA evaluation forms for feedback about improving our organization. A refreshment sign-up sheet was also passed around for next year's four meetings. Devon Hamner, Cyndee Shellhaas, and Guy Roggenkamp are working on a Buy/Sell/Trade website by GIEA/NSEA to be used by invitation only.

Mary Ann Niemoth reported that the NSEA-R Spring Conference on April 18 was practically snowed out. Few from east of Kearney were able to make it, unless they had stayed the night before. She told us about the keynote speaker, the Olympic Gold medalist, who inspired all in attendance. The Fall Conference will be in October in Omaha.

Here is NSEA-R Tri-Valley representative Jan Barnason's report, via email, that was added to the minutes on May 14:

The Spring Conference in Kearney was a success even if we had fewer people show that were registered. The snow and ice caused many to stay home or turn around on the morning of April 18, but we had around 50 people who enjoyed the day. Brave souls from Hastings like Jan Heady drove over that morning but drove slowly. The weather and roads were much better in the afternoon. Nebraskan Curt Tomasevicz, US Gold Medal Olympic Bobsledder, was an inspiring speaker. He will compete for the last time in the upcoming Winter Olympics so watch for him and should you get the chance to listen to him speak, do. We had great Break Out Sessions with Zumba and Yoga being my choices. (I have to find a Zumba class that will take me!)

The April NSEA Retired Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Spring Conference and before DA. A new discussion item was on changing term limits for NSEA Retired. The discussion continues with a newly formed committee that I am part of, and the latest indication was Roger Rea plans on surveying the membership via email.

DA was again a great experience and an opportunity to network. Six new business items were introduced. A new business item concerning the Nebraska State Board of Education and its approach to Common Core State Standards was heavily discussed. Dr. John Draper was our keynote speaker and is one of the better, if not the best, keynote speaker we have had at DA. Energetic and humorous, plain-spoken and engaging does not but begin to cover it. His strongest message was that we, as educators, need to make positive comments about our profession and refute all negatives. Check out his website for some great ideas and a video:

www.johndraper.org on the subject of “Crucial Education Headlines.”

Jan Barnason continues: Our Fall Conference is already in the works and will be in Omaha at the Institute of Culinary Arts, Metro Campus. They treated us so well last time and we are going back. Make sure October 23 is on your calendar.

This will be my last report as Director for Tri Valley as Guy takes over in August and I take on the task of secretary for NSEA-R. Thanks for all your support and I plan to see you at future meetings and conferences.

Elections: Rod Epp nominated Mary Ann Niemoth for President of PVREA. Marianne Fitzgibbon moved and Willis Sorensen seconded the motion. She was elected by acclamation.

There were no nominations for secretary, so that election was tabled until September. The election of Mary Ann Niemoth left the office of treasurer open. Jan Greenland moved and Marianne Fitzgibbon seconded the nomination of Christy Hewitt. She was elected by acclamation.

New Business:

Jim MaGahan asked that the providers of refreshments be reimbursed for the actual cost of the food, rather than only a portion of the \$25 budget. Donna Fredrick moved and Jan Greenland seconded a motion to table the topic of expenditure of funds until the September, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Guy gave thanks for the refreshments today provided by Roggenkamp, Glassers, and Fitzgibbons. A round of applause was given to Guy Roggenkamp upon his completion of two two-years terms as PVREA President.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dahlstrom, PVREA Secretary