

Mason County Retired Teachers  
September 10, 2019

Thirty-nine members and guests were again treated to a fine meal by the San Jose United Methodist Church women. The free meal went to Virginia Melan Crase. Grace was recited from the program booklet. We welcomed our program presenters, Melanie Lindsey and Brenda Stadsholt, as well as three new retirees, Sue Hallmark, Vicki Bonnett, and Dee Hohenshell.

Program

Melanie and Brenda, whose program was titled, "From Havana, IL to Havana, Cuba", gave a vivid account and showed beautiful pictures of their respective trips to Cuba

Meeting

Co-President Chris VanEtten called the meeting to order. The pledge was recited, and a big thanks was given to the Methodist ladies.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were read and approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Showalter and seconded by Kathy Cihlar.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Potorf reported a balance of \$1816.39  
The report will be filed for audit.

Website

Kathy Cihlar encouraged us to let her know if we have anything to put on the website. She noted that there's a lot of information on the site for us to read and utilize.

## Programs

Darla Westergreen reported that programs are planned for the next 2 years.

## Educational Enrichment

There was a short discussion about our gift to the county libraries for 2019. A motion was made by Luellen Betzelberger and seconded by Sandy Pottorf to give \$200 each to the 3 county libraries: Illini Central, Midwest Central, and Havana.

## Nominations

Co-president Chris reminded us that all officers will begin their new positions on January 1, 2020. The installation will be at the December meeting. It was explained that co-president Bonnie Kammeyer will serve 2 years and co-president Terri McDowell will serve one more year. There is a vacancy to fill Terri's spot for 2021-2022. This staggering of terms will encourage and lend support to a new co-president. A motion was made by Bernice Hall and seconded by Karen Barrett that we may stagger the co-presidents' terms by 1 year.

## Old Business

The IRTA Convention is Oct. 14 and 15 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Mary Caldwell is our unit honoree. She will be honored the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, but is unable to attend. Charlie and Debbie Nelson will be able to accept Mary's award for her.

A discussion of the changes made to the constitution and by-laws was led by Terri McDowell. We will be voting on those changes at the December meeting. Terri will put the new version in an e-mail for us to read before that December meeting.

There was no new business. The next meeting will be Dec. 2, 2019 at the Mason City United Methodist Church. Illini Central Program Director, Amy Swaar, and IC music students will perform. Local dues of \$10 will be collected.

The free meal goes to Brenda Stadsholt. We also drew for jewelry and a booklet about the two Havanas. These were graciously donated by Brenda. Winners were Vicki Bonnett for the jewelry and Karen Barret for the booklet. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Barrett