

WCM/International Reading Association Meeting
November 11, 2008

The West Central Missouri Chapter of International Reading Association met on November 11, 5:00, with 25 members present in the Windsor Elementary School Library.

Members present, representing teachers in the following school districts: Windsor, Crest Ridge and Holden.

Interesting and informative programs were presented by Amy Rains on "Foldable Books" and Karen Higgs on "Reading First" being implemented at Windsor Elementary.

Stephanie Atkinson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 following the programs and thanked the Windsor members for the delicious meal of a potato bar, chili, soup and desserts.

The minutes of the Sept. 9th mtg., passed out by Sally Davidson, Secretary, were approved as read with a motion made by Debbie Inman and seconded by Trish Morris.

Stephanie reported that she had received no feedback as yet from the publishing company in which we had requested to review books for them.

Carol Davis, Treasurer/Membership, reported on the State IRA Conference in Springfield as being excellent and timely with information gleaned from D.I.B.E.L.S., Intervention Groups and Tiers presentations. The Authors and Authors Breakfast also proved to be interesting.

Sarah Marten and Lisa Siegfried also reported on the State IRA conference sharing about good motivational ideas given by Danny Brassel (giving us a cheer example on math), and good strategies concerning Brain Research on how to get kids thinking and involved.

Carol reported that our current Treasurer's balance is \$537.76.

Windsor members presented Community Literacy Awards to local community leaders for helping to promote literacy in the Windsor and surrounding communities.



Left to right, front row: Literacy Award recipients: Birdie McClung, Sandra Fosnow, Melanie Lynde and Karen Higgs. Windsor IRA members, back row, left to right: Cathy Roesch, Mona Reid, Darla Hamilton, Debbie Inman, Carolyn Harms, Kim Burkhart, Connie Sanders, Ashlea Forrest and Carol Davis, treasurer, displaying books brought by members to be donated to local doctor and dentist offices.

Unable to be present for recognition at the meeting yet receiving her Award Certificate from Carol: Mary Pat Williams.



Carol Davis presenting IRA donated books to Jamie Ward, Office Supervisor, Golden Valley Medical Clinic, Windsor. (12-18-08)



Carol presenting IRA books to Dr. Paul Griner, D.D.S., Windsor. (12-18-08)

The next IRA meeting will be Feb. 10th at Crest Ridge Elementary School.

Submitted by:
Sally Davidson, WCM/IRA Secretary