

# WCM/IRA Meeting Minutes

## September 9, 2008

Holden Elementary School hosted the West Central Missouri chapter of the International Reading Association meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Atkinson, following the delicious potato bar supper provided by the Holden IRA members for a \$3.00 donation towards the chapter's treasury fund.

Kathy Bowler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Sally Davidson. Pam Pirch seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Sally shared additional meeting minutes from the May 29th Executive Board meeting and the June 14th State IRA Leadership Committee meeting.

Carol Davis presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$142.76. Twenty-one members paid their dues at the meeting.

Stephanie shared notes from her President's Report and explained the Committees available for participation. Sign up sheets were passed around.

Old Business included a review of this year's upcoming meeting dates, along with the Executive Committee's decision that a light dinner is to be provided by each hosting district with the \$3.00 charge to be put in the Treasury: Nov. 11, Windsor; February 10th, Crest Ridge; March 10, Lexington; and April 14th, Spring Banquet at the Johnson County Sheltered Workshop in Warrensburg.

Information on the State IRA Fall Conference, Oct. 2-4, in Springfield was shared by Stephanie along with information concerning Book Reviews for possible meeting topics.

Dr. Kitty Brant, UCM Professor, presented the evening's program on: Top Ten Ways for Promoting Literacy in the Community. Members had fun with the ideas presented and shared many suggestions with the group. "You really did not want to miss this!"

Community Literacy awards, voted on by the Holden IRA members, were presented by Sally to the following: Donna Chaney, Jeanne Dickerson, Carla House, Kristel Spies and Amie Tillotson.

Books donated by authors, Clifton and Sara Adams, Warrensburg, were donated to Middle School Teachers present: Lisa Siegfried, Crest Ridge; and Becky McVey, Holden.

Door Prizes were drawn and awarded before the meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Pam Pirch and seconded by Candy Johnson.

Direction to the next meeting at Windsor Elementary: Coming from the East, at the 4-way stop, turn right. Go three blocks and then turn left (across from the Dairy Queen). Please address further

direction questions to: Carol Davis, [davisc@henrycountyr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:davisc@henrycountyr1.k12.mo.us) and also please RSVP to same e-mail to let Carol know if you will be attending by: Monday, November 10th.

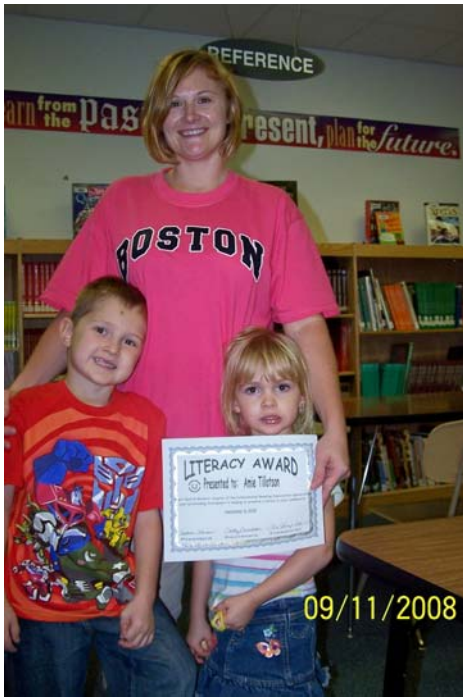
**PLEASE BRING A BOOK TO BE DONATED TO A LOCAL DOCTOR/DENTIST OFFICE**

Sally Davidson

WCM/IRA Secretary



\_Holden IRA members present with Literacy Award Recipients: Back row left to right: Trish Morris, Helen Hodges, Pam Pirch, Linda Slone. Middle row left to right: Stephanie Atkinson, Cyndy Hartwell, Ruthie Brockhaus, Becky McVey, Candy Johnson, Gloria Trosper, Sally Davidson. Front row left to right: Donna Chaney, Jeannae Dickerson, Kristel Spies, Carla House and Dr. Kitty Brant - Presenter.



Amie Tillotson with children, Trenton and Zoe.



Sally presents books to Dr. Christopher Maxwell, Western Mo. Medical Clinic, Kingsville.



Stephanie presents books to Dr. Foster, Dentist, Holden.