

West Central Missouri
International Reading Association Meeting
February 10, 2009



The West Central Missouri Chapter of International Reading Association met on February 10, 5:00, with 36 present in the Crest Ridge Elementary Cafeteria.

Following a delicious potato/dessert bar provided by the Crest Ridge hostesses, the meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Atkinson. The minutes as prepared by Sally Davidson were approved by Mary Dover, seconded by Janet West. Motion passed. Carol Davis gave the Treasurer's Report with \$557.86 as the balance and 36 current members.

Old Business:

Susan Fluharty made the motion that we donate money for a team of 4 to participate in the Scrabble Tournament sponsored

by the Johnson County Adult Literacy (@20 per person). The motion was seconded by Candy Johnson. Motion passed.

Stephanie reviewed the upcoming meeting dates, places and times: March 10, Lexington Middle School, 5:30; April 14, Spring Banquet, Johnson County Sheltered Workshop, 5:30.

New Business:

Carol Davis stated she will start a Spring Membership Drive at the Lexington meeting and Sally passed around the clipboard holding the committees with duties outlined for members to sign-up. Stephanie reminded members of Newspapers in Education Week, March 2-6, and Sally passed out a handout with website information. Stephanie also shared a brochure announcing the upcoming North Central IRA Convention, May 3-7, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Program:

Cathy Woody introduced Dr. Lisa Buchanan/Butterfield, UCM Professor, who currently conducts the PDS program and study groups for the Crest Ridge School District. Dr. Buchanan presented a very informative program on "Curious Books for Curious Readers: New Ideas for Home and Classroom" by giving a 'walking tour' of her favorite new books along with a printed list of books presented.

The meeting concluded with Mary Dover, Title I Reading Teacher, presenting the Community Literacy Awards to members of the Crest Ridge community who help them promote their participation in the Dolly Parton Library project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trish Morris and seconded by Susan Fluharty. Motion approved. Tickets were drawn for many literacy door prizes, donated by the Crest Ridge members, with all present being winners!

Submitted by:

Sally Davidson, WCM/IRA Secretary

Literacy Award Recipients

Front row, left to right: Dr. Lisa Buchanan/Butterfield, Kelli Meyrand, Dara Kiely, Cathy Blight and Tiffany Parsons.

Middle row, left to right: Phyllis Steinbach, Ray Patrick, Anne Patrick, Alice Mistler and Cathy Woody - IRA member.

Back row, left to right; Crest Ridge IRA Members displaying books to be donated to the Warrensburg Adult Abuse Shelter: Lisa Siegfried, Sara Marten, Cindy Hoeper, Kathy Bowler, Teresa Gibson and Mary Dover. Missing from the picture was recipient, Sue Volesky. Honorees unable to attend were: Gayle Jones, Lisa Schmidli, Bill Runyon, Mary Shippy, Crystal Warner and Karen Gravely.