

# WCM/IRA Meeting Minutes and Year End Summary 2007-2008

The West Central Missouri chapter of the [International Reading Association](#) held their final meeting of the year on March 26th at the Johnson County Sheltered Workshop in Warrensburg.

Election of officers was conducted with Stephanie Atkinson, Holden, voted in as President. Carol Davis, Windsor, was reelected as Treasurer/Membership Chairman, and Sally Davidson, Holden, was reelected as Secretary. Mary Dover, Crest Ridge, was thanked for her years of service as President.

A thank you letter for monetary support from the Johnson County Adult Literacy Board concerning the Spelling Bee was shared.

Following the short business meeting a delicious dinner was served to the nineteen members present.

Meetings conducted this year included the following programs:

1. Literacy connections using books. Much sharing at Crest Ridge Elementary took place with all members contributing selections with activities to use.
2. Guided Reading and Reading Recovery at Holden Elementary was presented by Becky Brower, Kari Collett and Ruthie Brockhaus with demonstrations through power point presentations.
3. "Fired up about Learning", a 3 day/2 night campout incorporating many learning activities for 5th grade students at [Windsor Elementary](#) was presented by Sarah Doll, Jenny Oglesbee and LeAnne Nichols.

The first meeting for the WCM/IRA in the fall will be hosted by Holden Elementary in the library on September 9th, 5:30, with a light supper provided by the Holden Teachers. The Program: Promoting Literacy will be presented by Dr. Kitty Brandt from the University of Central [Missouri](#).

Other meetings already scheduled for the year will be in Nov., Windsor; Feb., Crest Ridge; March, TBA; and April's Dinner Meeting, TBA.

Membership is open to all interested in the advancement, teaching, and promotion of reading and literacy. Present membership includes teachers from Holden, Lexington, Kingsville, Leeton, [Appleton City](#), Windsor, Crest Ridge and Pleasant Hill. We will be looking for members to join from Clinton, Knob Noster, Warrensburg and Calhoun.

A reminder of the September meeting will be sent to all schools in the Fall with details and RSVP information.

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Teachers attending the WCM/IRA meeting included:

Front row: left to right: Sally Davidson, Helen Hodges, Stephanie Atkinson, Cyndy Hartwell, Janet West, Carol Davis and Cathy Roesch.

Back row: left to right: Tricia Morris, Carolyn Harms, Darla Hamilton, Karen Higgs, Pam Pirch, Cindy Hoeper, Teresa Gibson, Mary Dover, Kathy Bowler, Ruth Brockhaus and Brenda Bowers.

Not pictured, Debbie Inman.