

EKU Retirees Association
Minutes of June 21, 2011
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Location: Gillums Sport Lounge, Richmond, KY

Time: 11:30

Guest Speaker: Ken Barger, Madison County Clerk

Topic: Political Representatives

President Dot Kirkpatrick opened the meeting with greetings. Secretary, JoAnna Dickey read the minutes for the April meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer, Karl Park provided a treasurer's report. There were some questions about the EKURA scholarship. Dot said that information about applications was not yet available. The EKU Foundation is still to provide information about the scholarship funding.

JoAnna Dickey read a brief report about the visit that she and Charles Hay made to the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association conference. While at the conference, KRTA Director, Dr. Bob Wagoner, and the EKURA representatives discussed the question of the status of taking a non-partisan political position while working with the KRTA as an EKU sponsored group. Charles Hay is waiting for a reply from EKU VP for University Advancement, Joey Foster, concerning a request for information about the above mentioned status. Due to next year's elections and proposed changes to the Kentucky Retired Teacher System, there may be some political activity in the KRTA.

Charles Hay reported the results of the nominating committee as follows: President - Charles Hay, Past President - Dot Kirkpatrick, President Elect - Ron Wolfe, Treasurer - Pat Ridgley, and Secretary - JoAnna Dickey.

Dot Kirkpatrick presented this past year's officers each with a gift of an artisan made walking stick. She also welcomed Ron and Pat as next year's officers.

Possible 2011/2012 meeting dates, locations, and times were provided. This information will be confirmed and announced on the EKURA web site as well as the EKU Communicator.

Charles Hay introduced the guest speaker, Madison County Clerk, Ken Barger. Mr. Barger provided information about his endeavors during the first few months in office. The following are some of the topics discussed: cutting costs on storage, getting some grant money for technology acquisitions, streamlining vehicle registration, updating the phone system, obtaining a state grant for document storage and preservation, improving election facilities, and establishing a defined procedure for answering questions about delinquent taxes. He also provided information about obtaining a paid position to help at the election centers.

Charles Hay ended the meeting with a call for questions and concerns. John Gump asked everyone to keep informed about the proposed changes to the Kentucky Retired Teacher System. He asked that we look for and read the KRTA news bulletins.

