

BLUEGRASS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
March 25, 2021

The Bluegrass Retired Teachers Association met March 25, 2021 via Zoom. President Karen Guffey called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Lisa Stuckey opened our meeting reflecting on the beauty of spring. It is good to be together and we are all hoping we can be together in person soon.

The minutes of meetings are posted on the BGRTA website. Karen encouraged members to visit the website.

Community Service – Members have done a lot to give back to the community this year. Karen said she had reported our number of volunteer hours to KRTA. This year BGRTA has donated to the N.O. Kimbler Fund, KET, Ronald McDonald House, and backpack programs. We have recently donated \$100 for flood relief in Eastern Kentucky. We will again be awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to a UK student.

Karen announced our Volunteer of the Year is Denise Finley who has worked all year to make masks to give to local schools.

Membership – Karen reported she is continuing to receive dues from members.

Legislative – Claire Batt reported concerns about the pension bill and the voucher bill. Both have been vetoed by the governor. Claire urged members to contact their representatives and ask them to vote to uphold the governor's veto.

Karen announced one new board member, Diane Woods, who will serve as liaison to Central Kentucky West.

Karen said she would put information about OLLI classes and activities offered by the Lexington Senior Citizen Center on our website.

Karen announced the KRTA Virtual Conference will be April 19 and she urged members to participate.

Winners of several gift cards were selected.

Our next meeting will be in May with the date to be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Virginia Cheek
Secretary