

## Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Meeting – April 4, 2017

The spring luncheon membership meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 beginning with a social hour at 11:00 A.M., lunch at 12:15 PM, and the program at 1:05 PM at the Rock River Center in Oregon. Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton provided decorated chocolate ukelele favors. Marvel Blomberg coordinated luncheon reservations, Sharon Bayme and Linda Kenney collected the \$15 registration fees, and Elke Grennan distributed name tags. Fifty-six members and guests attended.

Co- Presidents Jean Whipple and Jean Hoff conducted the meeting. ROE Superintendent Bob Sondgeroth, Area 1 Representative Loryann Eis, and John Lindhorst from Ukelele Station America were the special guests. Joe Thiele led the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave the Invocation before the meal was served. The menu featured a plated salad, chicken spinach lasagna, corn and and bacon casserole, dinner rolls, carrot cake, water, tea, and coffee.

Members were encouraged to sign up for the IRTAPAC \$1 monthly deduction from their pension checks and a donation basket for the IRTA Political Action Committee was on the Registration Table. Attendees donated \$117 to IRTA-PAC and \$45 to the Legal defense Fund at the meeting.

The minutes from the October 11, 2016 Membership Meeting and the Board Meetings of November 1, 2016 and March 14, 2017 were accepted by consensus as printed.

The treasurer's report as of March 27, 2017 was accepted by consensus as printed. The checking account balance was \$8,462.62, the Memorial Account balance was \$615.81, and the Life Account balance was \$7,566.67. Total assets were \$16,645.10.

There was no old business.

The IRTA Area 1 Conference will be held on May 15, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Oglesby and repeated on May 16, 2017 at the NW Territory Historic Center in Dixon. Ogle-Lee RTA will pay the registration fee for any member attending either session. Reservations are due to Jean Hoff by April 28, 2017.

Loryann Eis, Area 1 Representative, explained the program for the Area 1 Conference and the importance of supporting the IRTA Political Action Committee.

Bob Sondgeroth, Superintendent of the Lee/Ogle/Whiteside ROE, announced he will seek re-election for a four-year term starting in 2019, will join IRTA upon retirement, that the ROE is using reserves as Illinois owes the ROE back payments, and the ROE office staff will help users navigate the state website for teacher license renewals.

Co-Vice President Carole Sutton introduced John Lindhorst from Ukulele Station America who entertained and educated us on ukuleles.

Co-President Jean Hoff explained the duties of the following offices that will be available for the next term: President (or Co-Presidents), Webmaster, and Legislative Chairperson. Nominations will be accepted at the July membership meeting and the election will be conducted at the October membership meeting.

Jean Hoff thanked the kitchen staff and servers, Event Photographer Richard Longfellow, Co- Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton for table favors and program, Secretary Elke Grennan, Treasurer Linda Kenney, Registration Assistant Sharon Bayme, Calling Coordinator Marvel Blomberg and Callers for their assistance.

Remaining 2017 Luncheon Membership Meetings are scheduled for:

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| Tuesday, July 11    | First Presbyterian Church, Rochelle- catered buffet meal, buffet line assistance will be available for members and guests |
| Tuesday, October 10 | Lutheran Outdoors Ministries Center on Rt.2, Oregon   |

Members were invited to attend the remaining 2017 Ogle-Lee Board of Directors Meetings to be held at the Byron Public Library beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesdays June 13, September 12, and November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Submitted by Elke Grennan, Ogle-Lee RTA Secretary