

## Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Meeting – October 10, 2017

The fall luncheon membership meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, beginning with a social hour at 11:00 A.M. at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center near Oregon. The menu featured roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, apple crisp, water, tea, and coffee. Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton provided fall cookie trays. Marvel Blomberg coordinated luncheon reservations, Sharon Bayme and Linda Kenney collected the \$15 registration fees, Elke Grennan distributed name tags, and Jean Whipple accepted local membership renewals. Sixty-four members and guests attended. There were four no-shows.

Co- President Jean Whipple conducted the business meeting beginning at Noon. Mary Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave the Invocation before the meal was served. Members donated \$140 to the Legal Defense Fund and \$10 to the Political Action Committee.

The minutes from the July 11, 2017 Membership Meeting and the September 12, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted by consensus as printed. The treasurer's report as of October 5, 2017 was accepted by consensus as printed. The checking account balance was \$7,865.50, the Memorial Account balance was \$1,715.81, and the Life Account balance was \$7,611.51. Total assets were \$17,192.82.

Members approved by voice vote the proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws presented at the July 11, 2017 membership meeting and posted on the Ogle-Lee RTA website.

Members elected by voice vote Rebecca Cheek and Michele Glen as 2018-2019 Co-Presidents. They were the only members to offer to serve with the stipulation of one term only. The Co-Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary agreed to serve another term as there were no other candidates. Kim McKenna was appointed Legislative Chairperson. The position of Webmaster remains vacant.

Co-Vice President Diane Kenney thanked Jean Whipple and Jean Hoff( unable to attend) for their outstanding service as Co-Presidents. A \$100 donation to the IRTA Foundation was made in their honor.

AMBA Representative Chris Gluck presented an overview of the Association Member Benefits Advisors role in recruiting IRTA members and its benefits offerings. New for 2017 is a website to search benefits: [www.myambadiscounts.com](http://www.myambadiscounts.com) . Phil Bratta's name was drawn for the gift certificate.

Co-Vice President Carole Sutton introduced the guest speaker, KSB Dietician Gail Beck. Gail discussed ways to reduce "Mindless Eating" and provided many handouts on eating right.

Jean Whipple thanked Co- Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton, Secretary Elke Grennan, Treasurer Linda Kenney, Registration and Membership Assistant Sharon Bayme, Joe Thiele for his service as Area 1 Representative and Past-President, Mary Gardner, Calling Coordinator Marvel Blomberg and Callers, Webmaster Richard Longfellow, Member Benefits Chairperson Phil Bratta ,new Legislative Representative Kim McKenna, and new Co-Presidents Rebecca Cheek and Michele Glen.

Members were invited to attend Ogle-Lee Board of Directors Meeting to be held at the Byron Public Library beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



## Ogle-Lee RTA Legislative Forum- October 11, 2016

The Ogle-Lee Unit of IRTA hosted a Legislative Forum at their fall membership luncheon meeting on October 11, 2016.

### **Highlights from Remarks Made by Sen. Tim Bivins- 45th District (Not up for re-election):**

Veto session is November 15-17, then not in session until December.

There is no pending legislation concerning our health insurance.

The Budget is the main issue. The stop-gap budget covered a year's education and pension funding.

Overspending year after year has created the budget crisis.

Lame duck sessions are dangerous times as representatives may change their position if leaving office.

Need redistricting reform.

Madigan in office too long.

Supports term limits on leadership positions.

Need to condense time Legislature is in session so that people working a "regular job" can serve.

Legislature can conduct it's business in less time than it now takes-perhaps even every other year and thus adopt a two-year budget.

Need bipartisan cooperation.