

Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting-November 14, 2017

The November 14, 2017 Ogle-Lee retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Co-President Jean Hoff at 10:00 a.m. at the Byron Public Library with the following members present: Jean Whipple, Jean Hoff, Linda Kenney, Diane Kenney, Carole Sutton, Becky Cheek, Joe Thiele, Phil Bratta, Keith Erhart, Kim McKenna, Jim Schoonhoven, and Elke Grennan.

The minutes from the September 12, 2017 Executive Board Meeting and October 10, 2017 Membership Meeting were accepted by consensus as printed.

The treasurer's report presented by Linda Kenney was accepted by consensus. The Checking Account Balance was \$8135.97, the Memorial Fund Balance was \$1735.81, and the Life Account Balance was \$7,611.51. Total assets were \$17,483.29.

Keith Erhart, Legislative Chairperson, reminded us that most of our legislators respect the contract clause in the Constitution protecting our pensions but will seek other methods to modify pensions especially for future retirees and will continue to not fully fund the State's share of the pension program. He welcomed incoming Legislative Chairperson Kim McKenna. The Board thanked Keith for his service.

Joe Thiele, 2017 Ogle-Lee Unit Honoree for the IRTA State Convention, reported that the Convention was rather uneventful with lower than usual attendance and thanked Ogle-Lee for honoring him. The Board thanked him for his service.

Co- Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton presented the following tentative program ideas in consultation with incoming Co-President Becky Cheek for possible luncheon venues:

- April 10, 2018- Mighty Vine Presentation & Optional Tour, Rochelle Presbyterian Church
- July 10, 2018- Wildbirds Unlimited, Chana Methodist Church
- October 9, 2018- Legislative Forum, location to be determined (prefer in Lee County)

Retiring State Senator Tim Bivins will be invited to attend a luncheon to thank him for his service. AMBA representative Chris Gluck will be asked to briefly speak at one meeting. Future retirees will be invited to attend the July membership luncheon meeting. Plans will be finalized closer to the event dates.

Membership Chairperson, Jean Whipple, reported that IRTA has a recruiting flier stressing dental and vision insurance program that Units are encouraged to distribute to area schools. The motion by Diane Kenney and seconded by Phil Bratta to print 200 copies was approved. Jean Whipple will contact the ROE to ask for assistance in seeking approval from school district superintendents to post the fliers in school buildings. Member assistance will be requested at April membership meeting to distribute the fliers.

The motion by Phil Bratta and seconded by Linda Kenney to print 50 copies of the membership directory only for use by the Executive Board, Committee Members, and others on an as-needed-basis was approved. Jean Whipple will prepare the directories for the March Board Meeting.

The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Diane Kenney to offer two \$750 Ogle-Lee RTA Scholarships in 2018 to a college education major using the same criteria as used in 2014 was approved. Phil Bratta, Scholarship Chairperson, will coordinate the scholarship process.

Treasurer Linda Kenney presented a tentative budget for 2018-19. The motion by Phil Bratta and seconded by Carole Sutton to adopt the budget as recommended was approved. The Budget is attached to the minutes.

The Executive Board reviewed the treasurer's 2016-17 fiscal reports and checkbook. The signers on the bank account will continue to be treasurer Linda Kenney and secretary Elke Grennan, with only one signature needed on checks. The motion by Diane Kenney and seconded by Jean Whipple verifying that the Board completed an internal review of the 2016-17 treasurer's books, that no discrepancies were found, and that no changes were recommended to the process passed unanimously.

2018 Membership Luncheon Meetings will be on Tuesdays: April 10, July 10, and October 9. Locations and agendas to be finalized at later dates.

2018 Executive Board Meetings will be on Tuesdays: March 13, June 12, September 11, and November 13. Time and location to be announced by the Co-Presidents.

Jean Whipple and Jean Hoff thanked the Board for the retirement gift and their support.

Co-President Jean Hoff adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

BUDGET FOR OGLE-LEE RTA 2018-19

Estimated Beginning Balance

Checking Account	\$8,200.00
Life Account Balance	\$7,650.00
Memorial Fund	\$1,735.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED ASSETS

\$17,585.00

Estimated Income

2018-19 Member dues (180x5)	\$900.00
2018-19 - Life Memberships (10x50)	\$500.00
2018-19 - Interest on CD's	\$100.00
2018-10 - Luncheon Overages	\$600.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME

\$2,100.00

Estimated Expenses

Postage	\$400.00
Printing	\$500.00
Supplies	\$200.00
Programs	\$300.00
Area Conference	\$250.00
State Convention	\$1,000.00
Memorials to Foundation	\$250.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES

<\$2900.00>

BALANCE

\$16,785.00