

Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting- March 13, 2018

The March 13, 2018 Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Co-President Becky Cheek at 10:00 a.m. at the Flagg-Rochelle Library with the following members present: Co-Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen; Loretta Bell, Marvel Blomberg, Jean Hoff, Diane Kenney, Linda Kenney, Kim McKenna, Carole Sutton, and Jean Whipple.

The minutes from the November 14, 2017 Executive Board Meeting were accepted by consensus as printed.

The Treasurer's report presented by Linda Kenney was accepted by consensus. The Checking Account Balance was \$8210.98, the Memorial Fund Balance was \$1735.81, and the Life Account Balance was \$7611.51. Total assets were \$17,558.30.

Membership- Chairperson Jean Whipple is working on getting new retirees to join IRTA and our local. She was able to enlist the help of Oregon Schools Supt. Tom Mahoney, who emailed all superintendents in the area to invite retirees in their districts to join IRTA/O-LRTA.

Jean also reported that most of the dues have been collected, but there are 22 yet to be paid. Several attempts have been made in various ways to contact those members. After discussion, the following motion made by L. Kenney and seconded by J. Hoff was approved: "Anyone not having dues paid by April 30, 2018 will be removed from the membership lists."

Jean Whipple also made membership directories for all the officers and presented them at the meeting.

Legislative – Chairperson Kim McKenna reported that April and May are when the Illinois House and Senate will be back in session. 2 Bills are pending at this time: 1) Substitute teachers may work up to 120 days per year. 2) Anyone who has opted out of TRIP will be allowed to return.

Call Coordinator Marvel Blomberg reported she now has 16 callers, and each caller has a list (as do the presidents). Once Marvel gets the number of reservations made, she gives 5 less than that number to the President (s), who then contact(s) the food venue. She also reminded that a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Memorials – Chairperson Loretta Bell reported that 11 members had passed away in 2017. Those members will be honored at the General Meeting on April 10, 2018.

Program- Co-Chairs Carole Sutton and Diane Kenney reported the following information regarding the July and October meetings:

July 10, 2018- Chana Methodist Church, Chana, IL Program: Wildbirds Unlimited

October 2, 2018 (note date change)- Rock River Center, Oregon Program: Legislative Forum and Member Benefits Information

Scholarship- Ogle-Lee RTA will offer two \$750 scholarships in 2018 to College Juniors or Seniors majoring in Education. Chairperson Phil Bratta will coordinate the scholarship process, using the same criteria as was used in 2014. A motion to this effect was made, (J. Whipple), seconded, (D.Kenney), and approved by the Board at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Presidents' comments- There is a need for involvement by Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers within the organization. A webmaster is still needed, and members are encouraged to volunteer to help out at the various meetings. We need members to volunteer for various jobs: storing and setting up the logo sign; leading the Pledge of Allegiance; leading the Invocation before meals; being a Meeting Greeter. Please see either co-president if you are willing to help.

The Area 1 Conference will be held this year instead of the State Convention. The following motion was made by J. Whipple, seconded by L. Kenney, and approved by the Board: The Board will only pay for board members who want to attend the Area 1 Conference.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 12:00 noon First Presbyterian Church, Rochelle

Next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Flagg-Rochelle Library, Rochelle

A motion was made by J. Whipple and seconded by M. Blomberg to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. by Co-President Becky Cheek.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kenney
(For Secretary Elke Grennan)

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