

Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Meeting – July 10, 2018

The summer luncheon membership meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 beginning with a social hour at 11:00 AM, business meeting at noon, lunch at 12:30 PM, and followed by the program at the Chana United Methodist Church. Co-Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton provided table decorations and edible bird nest treats. Marvel Blomberg coordinated the luncheon reservations, Christy Roberts greeted members, Linda Kenney collected the \$15 luncheon fees, and Elke Grennan distributed name tags. Fifty-seven members and guests attended. There were a number of cancellations due to the funerals of members Nellie Tieken and Michael McNett.

Co- Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen conducted the meeting. Region 1 Representative Linda Nott was in attendance. Kevin Zilm led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation before the meal was served. A plated luncheon of homemade noodles and chicken, green bean casserole, cole slaw, fruit cup, rolls and butter, cherry cheesecake, lemonade, ice tea, and coffee was served by the church luncheon committee.

Donation basket for the IRTA Political Action Committee and Legal Defense Fund were on the Registration Table. Attendees donated \$55 to IRTA-PAC and \$95 to the Legal defense Fund at the meeting. Members were encouraged to sign up for the IRTAPAC \$1 monthly deduction from their pension checks.

The minutes from the April 10, 2018 Membership Meeting and the June 12, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted by consensus as printed.

The treasurer's report as of July 2, 2018 was accepted by consensus as prepared by Treasurer Linda Kenney. The checking account balance was \$ 7,885.81, the Memorial Account balance was \$1,735.81, and the Life Account balance was \$7,643.68. Total assets were \$17,265.30.

Co-President Becky Cheek introduced the new members in attendance: Kathy Connor and Robert Nelson. Other new members are Floya Hawkins, Marianne Jones, and Linda Voelker.

Legislative Chairperson Kim McKenna reported on recent legislation concerning the Illinois budget, school funding, and pensions. Kim also summarized plans for the Legislative Forum at the October Membership Meeting.

Applications for the \$750 Ogle-Lee RTA Scholarship are due by July 31, 2018 to Phil Bratta, Scholarship Chairperson. Applications can be downloaded at www.ogleleerta.weebly.com.

Members were reminded to sign up to volunteer to help with various small duties.

Linda Nott, Region 1 Representative, provided a handout and discussed importance of providing IRTA with your e-mail address, annual membership status, legislative information, TRIP update, Information Services, and verifying your Voter Voice status. Linda also provided copies of the IRTAPAC gubernatorial questionnaire.

Carole Sutton encouraged members to share that the Chana Church has a donations closet of clothes and linens to assist children and adults that are free for the taking.

An assistant webmaster is still needed. Contact Richard Longfellow or Elke Grennan.

Co-Vice President Diane Kenney introduced Will Rezin of Wild Birds Unlimited, who presented an informative ecological program on attracting and feeding regional birds.

Becky Cheek thanked Co- Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton for table favors and programming, Greeter Christy Roberts, Pledge and Invocation leader Kevin Zilm, Ogle-Lee RTA sign keeper Joanne Mayes, the church luncheon committee, and board members for their support and help with this meeting.

Remaining 2018 Luncheon Membership Meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 2 (Note: first Tuesday): Oregon Rock River Center
Program: Legislative Forum Menu: Chicken spinach lasagna

Remaining 2018 Ogle-Lee Board of Directors Meetings are to be held at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library, beginning at 10:15 A.M on Tuesdays, September 11 and November 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Submitted by Elke Grennan, Ogle-Lee RTA Secretary