

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

The spring luncheon membership meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 beginning with a social hour at 11:00 AM, business meeting at Noon, lunch at 12:30 PM, and the program at 1:10 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle. Co-Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton provided table decorations and tomato-based appetizers. Marvel Blomberg coordinated luncheon reservations, Jean Whipple collected the \$15 luncheon fees and accepted membership dues, and Elke Grennan distributed name tags. Fifty-seven members and guests attended.

Co- Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen introduced themselves and conducted the meeting. Area 1 Representative Jo Anne Nelson was in attendance. Christy Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation before the meal was served. A buffet luncheon of pulled pork on buns, potato chips, seven-layer salad, fruit salad, mini cherry cheesecakes, lemonade, ice tea, and coffee was catered by David Balch of Ralphie and Lulus.

Donation basket for the IRTA Political Action Committee and Legal Defense Fund were on the Registration Table. Attendees donated \$55 to IRTA-PAC and \$140 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 October 10, 2017 Membership Meeting and the Board Meetings of November 14, 2017 and March 13, 2018 were accepted by consensus as printed.

The treasurer's report as of March 30, 2018 was accepted by consensus as prepared by Treasurer Linda Kenney and presented by Michele Glen. The checking account balance was \$ 7,673.44, the Memorial Account balance was \$1,735.81, and the Life Account balance was \$7,611.51. Total assets were \$17,020.76.

Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple requested members notify her of phone and/or address changes and sought help in locating several members. Members were encouraged to each recruit one new member.

Legislative Chairperson Kim McKenna's report is in the spring newsletter.

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

There was no old business.

The IRTA Area 1 Conference will be held on May 17, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM in Oglesby and repeated on May 18, 2018 at the NW Territory Historic Center in Dixon. Ogle-Lee RTA will pay the registration fee for any board member attending either session. Ogle-Lee RTA members are invited to attend at a fee of \$12. Reservations are due to Becky Cheek by May 4, 2018. Checks should be mailed to treasurer Linda Kenney.

Jo Anne Nelson, Area 1 Representative, explained the program for the Area 1 Conference and the importance of supporting the IRTA Political Action Committee and Legal defense Fund. Jo Anne reported that IRTA has made two committees out of Political Action and Legislative Committee and that IRTA will be closely monitoring potential health care legislation.

Volunteers were asked to sign up to help with the Ogle-Lee RTA website, store the Ogle-Lee RTA sign, collect luncheon fees, lead the Pledge/Invocation, mail out newsletters, serve or assist members at luncheons, be greeters, or be back-up report readers for chairpersons.

Large-print versions of agenda packets will be available upon request to Michele Glen.

Loretta Bell, Necrology, memorialized the following members who passed way in 2017: Genevieve Bylinowski, Helen Glessner, Richard Wing, Gordon Carlson, Dora May Tezlaff, Nancy Ryder, Evelyn Smith, Mary Smith, George Renne, Mary Kathleen Harper, and Lujune "Becky" Furman. Diane Kenney thanked Loretta for her informative and inspiring memorial for deceased members.

The Mighty Vine Tomato Program was canceled as guest speaker Raul Guzman was unable to attend. Names and phone numbers were taken for members interested in a Mighty Vine Tour if it can be scheduled at a later date.

Beck Cheek thanked Co- Vice Presidents Diane Kenney and Carole Sutton for table favors and programming, the caterer, and board members for their support and help with this meeting.

Remaining 2018 Luncheon Membership Meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 10: Chana United Methodist Church Program: Wild Birds Unlimited
Menu: Homemade chicken and noodles

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

Remaining 2018 Ogle-Lee Board of Directors Meetings to be held at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library beginning at 10:00 A.M on Tuesdays June 12, September 11, and November 13.

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

Submitted by Elke Grennan, Ogle-Lee RTA Secretary