

## **Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting June 12, 2018**

The June 12, 2018 Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board meeting was called to order by Co-President Becky Cheek at 10:13 a.m. at the Flagg-Rochelle Library with the following members present: Co-Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen, Phil Bratta, Marvel Blomberg, Linda Kenney, Richard Longfellow, Carole Sutton, and Diane Kenney.

The minutes from the March 13, 2018 Executive Board Meeting had one correction. M. Blomberg reported that under 'Call Coordinator' it should read that "she gives the full count number of reservations to the Presidents, who then contact the food venue with any additional reservations". A motion was then made by L. Kenney and seconded by R. Longfellow to approve the corrected minutes; the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report presented by L. Kenney. The balance of the Checking Account is \$7673.44, the Memorial Fund Balance is \$1735.81, and the Life Account Balance is \$7643.68. Total assets as of June 6, 2018 are \$17,214.15. Dues are still being collected. P. Bratta moved and R. Longfellow seconded that the report be approved; the motion carried.

Membership- Ogle-Lee RTA has 5 new members:  
Kathy Connor, Floya Hawkins, Marianne Jones, Robert Nelson, and Linda Voelker.

Legislative- Among the highlights in this IL budget session were the following:  
- a new funding formula that ensures every school district will see an increase in funds  
- a \$50 million increase for Early Childhood programs  
- continued State support for Retired Teacher Health Insurance (TRIP)

Voluntary Pension Reforms include:

1. COLA buyout: Tier 1 employees owed a compounding 3% COLA in retirement would get the option of having the State buy out the compounded COLA for 70% of the value.
2. Pension spiking: end-of-career raises would be limited to 3% (currently 6%). School districts awarding end-of-career raises in excess of 3% would be charged to cover the increased expense to state taxpayers.

Call Coordinator- Marvel Blomberg reported that reservations for the July meeting need to be to her by June 30.

Next Meeting Information- as reported by Co- Chairs Carole Sutton and Diane Kenney: July 10, 2018, Chana United Methodist Church, Chana, IL (south of the railroad tracks); the north door is handicap accessible.

11:00a.m.- Registration

12:00p.m.- Business meeting

12:30 p.m.-Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Kim McKenna – Legislative Update

1:30 p.m. – Program: "Birds of Northern Illinois" presented by Will Rezin of Wildbirds Unlimited

Presidents' Comments- We are still in need of a Webmaster. Richard Longfellow, outgoing Webmaster, is willing to explain the position to those considering volunteering for the position.

New Business:

1. The Ogle-Lee Retired Teacher Association logo was discussed, and the Board is considering having it put on stationery and note cards to be used by the Board for

correspondence.

2. The meeting time for the Executive Board has been changed to 10:15 a.m. to allow for easier access to the meeting rooms at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Kenney (for Secretary Elke Grennan)