

Ogle/Lee County Illinois Retired Teachers' Association

March Board Meeting Minutes

3/12/2019

The March 12, 2019 Board meeting of the Ogle/Lee IRTA was called to order at 10:20AM at the Rochelle Flagg Community Library. Board members present: Rebecca Cheek, Michele Glen, Linda Kenny, Marvel Blomberg, Kim McKenna, Carole Sutton and Phil Bratta.

The minutes from the November 13, 2018 board meeting were reviewed finding no mistakes, deletions or additions. A motion was made by Linda Kenny to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Carole Sutton. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's report was read and explained by Linda Kenny. At this time, the balance is \$16,514.03. Checking account balance is \$8563.49. A motion was made by Phil Bratta to accept the treasurer's report as written. The motion was seconded by Kim McKenna. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A Legislative report was given by Kim McKenna. The Governor's proposal is to reduce the pension fund by \$600,000,000 and to add 7 additional years to the plan for funding the TRS at 90%. The IRTA has endorsed Doug Strand as candidate for the TRS Annuitants' Trustee.

Other comments: 1.) Loretta Bell will present a memorial tribute at the April 9, 2019 members' meeting. The Ogle/Lee Association has lost 12 members during the past year. 2.) Marvel Blomberg would prefer that members responding to her regarding a reservation (make, confirm or drop) would please, when possible, use her email address.

Year Programs: **April 9, 2019**-AMBA Representative has been moved to the July Meeting. IRTA Representative, Linda Nott will be here to present an update on new information from the Legislator. Doug Strand, endorsed by TRS for TRS Trustee, will be here to introduce himself to the Ogle/Lee members and share his thoughts about what may be coming in the next year. Sandie Benhart will be speaking from the TRS Director's office. The program will take place at the

Rochelle Presbyterian Church, Rochelle, IL **July 9, 2019:** Presentation by Habitat for Humanity and AMBA representative, Vanessa White-Broome will present new and familiar AMBA programs. Amboy Community Center, Amboy, IL will be the location for the July meeting. **October 8, 2019:** Bea Chaplin will present a program on Laura Ingalls Wilder. The meeting will take place at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Facility in Oregon, IL

New Officers: The Board discussed the need of finding new officers for the Jan. 2020-Dec. 2021 biennium. All positions are open for nominations. Definite positions to be filled are President/Co-Presidents, Legislation Rep. and Webmaster/assistant webmaster. Nominations will be presented at the July meeting. Elections will take place at the October meeting. Becky will include this information in the newsletter.

State Convention: The State Convention will be October 14-15, 2019 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield, IL. There will be a Silent Auction. A motion was made by Kim McKenna to allocate \$75-\$100 for an Ogle/Lee Silent Auction Basket. The motion was seconded by Phil Bratta. The motion was unanimously passed.

Final Concerns: -Remember to contact Ralphie & LuLu's one week before April meeting

-Kim McKenna will not be at April meeting. Linda Nott will give the Legislative update in Kim's stead.

-Discussion of lowering cost of meal. Decided to leave the cost the same for the April meeting to cover food, facility, and speaker costs

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Submitted by Becky Cheek