

Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting- November 12, 2019

The November 12, 2019 Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen at 10:28 a.m. at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library with the following members present: Becky Cheek, Michele Glen, Diane Kenney, Carole Sutton, Linda Kenney, Jean Whipple, Kim McKenna, and Elke Grennan. The Co-Presidents provided cookies and scones. The Co-Vice Presidents presented the outgoing Co-Presidents with soaps from a local shop and the Board made a \$200 donation to the IRTA Foundation in honor of recent outgoing Co-Presidents.

The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Diane Kenney to accept the minutes from the September 10, 2019 Board Meeting and the October 8, 2019 Membership Meeting was approved.

The November 12, 2019 treasurer's report, the 2019 annual treasurer's report, and the 2020-21 Recommended Budget were presented by Treasurer Linda Kenney. The Checking Account Balance was \$8619.71, the Memorial Fund Balance was \$305.81, and the Life Account Balance was \$7,794.67. Total assets were \$16,720.19. There may still be outstanding expenses submitted and membership dues received before the end of the year. The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Carole Sutton to accept the November 12, 2019 treasurer's report was approved. The motion by Elke Grennan and seconded by Jean Whipple verifying that the 2019 annual review by the Executive Board of the treasurer's books showed no discrepancies and commending the treasurer for keeping concise records was approved. The motion by Diane Kenney and seconded by Carole Sutton to accept the 2020-21 Budget as presented except for an increase in the State Convention Expense to \$1000 (as previously approved by the Board in 2015 to encourage better attendance by Ogle-Lee Board Members) was approved. Beginning 2020 assets were estimated to be \$16,654.00, estimated income to be \$1500.00, estimated expenses to be \$2600.00, and estimated balance at close of 2020-21 budget cycle to be \$15,554.00.

Outgoing Legislative Chairperson Kim McKenna was thanked for her service.

Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple reported that Ogle-Lee RTA had 322 members, added two new lifetime members since our last meeting, and that there were seven members deaths in 2019. The motion by Elke Grennan and seconded by Diane Kenney to extend honorary Ogle-Lee RTA lifetime membership to any Ogle-Lee RTA member that was granted honorary lifetime IRTA membership was approved. Bernice Ennen was granted honorary lifetime membership.

The October Membership Meeting at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center was well-received. Members appreciated the valet parking assistance and enjoyed the meal.

The elected positions of Co-Vice President, and President (or Co-Presidents) are still open. The appointed positions of Legislative Representative, Reservations Coordinator, and Webmaster remain vacant. Gene Chaplin has accepted the position of Ogle-Lee RTA Historian. Jean Whipple has found replacements for callers who asked to be replaced. The need for callers and their duties may need to be readdressed pending membership survey results and future membership meeting structure.

Kim McKenna presented some suggestions for the membership survey to help determine the future direction of the Ogle-Lee RTA. The purpose of the Ogle-Lee Unit as stated in its Constitution is *"To promote and improve the professional, social, and economic status of the retired educators... and to work in cooperation with other organized groups in matters pertaining to the improvement of education and to the interest of retired teachers"* and will guide Ogle-Lee's RTA's future. After a discussion of format and content, Jean Whipple offered to compile, send out the survey via e-mail and regular mail with self-addressed stamped envelopes for easy return by members, and compile results. Surveys will be distributed in November and replies due to Jean Whipple by December 6, 2019. Results will be discussed at a special board meeting on ~~January 14,~~ 2020 at 10:15 a.m. at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library. *(Meeting date later changed to **January 21, 2020** via e-mail discussion and consent).*

Planning for 2020 Membership Meeting programs, meeting sites, meeting dates, and meeting times were tabled pending membership survey results.

Redesign of the Ogle-Lee RTA website will be a priority to keep members informed. Michele Glen, Jean Whipple, and Elke Grennan volunteered to serve on a website redesign committee. IRTA will be consulted for website development assistance. Membership survey results will help determine the content of the Ogle-Lee RTA website and use of other social media.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on Tuesday ~~January 14~~ **January 21, 2020** at 10:15 a.m. at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library. Other Executive Board Meetings and Membership Meetings will be determined later.

The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Diane Kenney to adjourn at 12:27 a.m. ended the meeting.

Submitted by Elke Grennan, Secretary

