

Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Executive Board Meeting- January 21, 2020

The Ogle-Lee Retired Teacher's Association Executive Board met at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library on January 21 at 10:15 AM with the following Ogle-Lee RTA members present: Becky Cheek, Michele Glen, Linda Kenney, Carole Sutton, Jean Whipple, Kim McKenna, Marvel Blomberg, Gene Chaplin, and Elke Grennan. Also attending were Region 1 Director Linda Nott and Area 1 Representative JoAnne Nelson.

The purpose of this meeting was to utilize the results of the December 2019 membership survey to reorganize the Executive Board division of duties and membership meeting structure necessitated by the inability to fill open positions on the Executive Board and dwindling attendance at membership meetings.

Becky Cheek called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM There was no formal agenda. Secretary Elke Grennan provided copies of the November 12, 2019 Executive Board Meeting and copies of the 2017 version of the Ogle-Lee RTA Constitution and Bylaws. Membership Survey Coordinator Jean Whipple distributed survey results and a compilation of all member comments. By consensus it was decided to use the survey results to guide the meeting discussion topics and reach consensus based on membership input.

Linda Nott and Jo Anne Nelson will bring up at the next statewide Area and Region Meeting the suggestion of revisiting coordinating local membership sign-up and payment with state membership. They announced that IRTA lobbyists are working with new state legislators to educate them on the history of TRS pension/insurance, so that they can make informed decisions. IRTA is also working on the pension issue on a national level for issues effected by Social Security. They also noted that VoterVoice will be activated when needed and encouraged us to remind members to contact their legislators and pass the information along to their friends.

Jean Whipple reported that 45% of the membership responded to the survey. Based on the survey, members preferred:

Two membership meetings per year

Luncheon Meeting at Noon

Using e-mail to RSVP or receive phone call if don't have e-mail

Meet at Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Center or Rock River Center

Not to serve on the Board or a committee.

By consensus it was decided to have two membership meetings a year, work as a Board to perform necessary duties of vacant positions, and improve our communication with the membership by restructuring the website, newsletters (electronic and mailed) as needed to keep membership informed, and e-mail reminders and reservations. Board Meeting attendees agreed to handle various duties on a as-needed basis for vacant positions.

The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Marvel Blomberg to appoint Kim McKenna to fill the vacancy of President for the remainder of the term was approved. Kim McKenna will be the IRTA contact for all communications with the IRTA and approve all Ogle-Lee newsletters before being distributed to the membership. Kim McKenna will update and send unit information for IRTA administrative use and website.

Secretary Elke Grennan will compile the newsletter and mail printed copies. Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple will distribute the electronic newsletters.

Past Co-President Michele Glen will set up a gmail account to be used by the Ogle-Lee RTA Membership to communicate with Board, RSVP for luncheon meetings, and serve as a general contact email address for non-members as well. All Ogle-Lee Board members will have access to the gmail account.

Jean Whipple, Michele Glen, Kim McKenna, and Elke Grennan will serve on the website redesign committee.

The motion by Becky Cheek and seconded by Jean Whipple to schedule membership luncheon meetings for the second Wednesday in May (May 13) and September (Sept. 9) was approved. The motion by Jean Whipple and seconded by Elke Grennan to book Rock River Center in Oregon for the May luncheon and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center for the September meeting was approved. The motion by Elke Grennan and seconded by Becky Cheek to authorize Jean Whipple to make the arrangements, select the menu, and sign the necessary contracts for a luncheon meeting up to \$15.00 per person cost without the need for an e-mail meeting consensus was approved. Carole Sutton will head a committee to handle any table decorations, favors, etc. for luncheon membership meetings. President Kim McKenna will contact potential speakers.

Members will be notified via newsletter of membership luncheon meetings, receive a reminder from their local caller, and may RSVP to either caller or to OgleLeeRTA1@gmail.com. Callers will report members attending to the gmail address and Board members can access this information for luncheon count. Name tags will be prepared by Secretary Elke Grennan. Jean Whipple will call in final luncheon count.

Tentative plans for the May 13, 2020 Luncheon Membership Meeting at the Rock River Center in Oregon: Times: Social Hour and Registration 11:00 AM, Lunch- Noon, Program- after lunch. Program speakers: AMBA Representative, Region 1 Director Lind Nott and IRTA President John Flaherty.

Tentative plans for the September 9,2020 Luncheon Membership Meeting at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center near Oregon: Social Hour and Registration 11:00 AM, Lunch- Noon, Program- after lunch. Program: Legislative Forum

Ogle-Lee Board Meetings for 2020 will be held at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library beginning at 10:15 AM on the following Tuesdays: April 14, August 11, and October 13. All members are welcome to attend. Becky Cheek will reserve the meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.