

## Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association Meeting – May 11, 2022

The spring luncheon membership meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers' Association was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center near Oregon, Illinois with registration and social time at 11:00 AM, business meeting at 11:30 AM, lunch at Noon, followed by the Memorial program and more social time. Forty-two members and guests planned on attending. There were ten no-shows or cancellations.

Vice-President Carole Sutton made the arrangements and provided the apple table favors. Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple coordinated luncheon reservations, Treasurer Linda Kenney collected the \$5 luncheon fees and Memorial Fund donations, Secretary Elke Grennan distributed name tags and agenda packets, President Kim McKenna conducted the business meeting, Mary Gardner gave the invocation, and Jean Hoff and Becky Cheek honored deceased members from 2019-2021. The luncheon menu featured spinach and lettuce tossed salad, creamed chicken on biscuits, rolls, blueberry cobbler, ice water, ice tea, and coffee.

President Kim McKenna called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM, welcomed members back to in-person gatherings, and introduced the Ogle-Lee RTA Executive Board.

Kim McKenna presented the 2022-23 Ogle-Lee RTA Budget that was prepared by Treasurer Linda Kenny and that had been previously been approved by the Executive Board. The estimated opening balance was \$17,056.00, estimated income is \$1250.00, the estimated expenses are \$2500.00, with an estimated balance of \$15806.00 at the end of 2023. There were no questions from members about the budget. The motion made by Betty Ebert and seconded by Joanne Mayes to accept the May 3, 2022 Treasurer's Report as prepared by Linda Kenny was approved. The checking account balance was \$7527.21, the Memorial Fund balance was \$1435.81, and the Life Account balance was \$8045.21 resulting in total assets of \$17008.23.

Kim McKenna advised members to visit [ogleleertaonline.weebly.com](http://ogleleertaonline.weebly.com) to view previous Executive Board and Membership Meeting minutes. Minutes from Executive Board Meetings and the last Membership Meeting from 2019 were previously approved by the Executive Board.

Legislative Chairperson Kim McKenna provided updates on TRS pensions and RIP insurance funding by the State of Illinois, the status of the health insurance lawsuit filed by IRTA, stressed that our health insurance coverage was not in danger, and changes made to substitute teaching requirements and easing of licensing requirements due to teacher and paraprofessional shortages.

Foundation/Scholarship Chairperson Phil Bratta requested members to encourage college juniors or seniors majoring in education to apply for the 2022 Ogle-Lee RTA Scholarship found on our website at [ogleleertaonline.weebly.com](http://ogleleertaonline.weebly.com). Applications are due July 31, 2022 and the recipient will be announced on August 15, 2022. Members donated \$170.00 to the Ogle-Lee RTA Memorial Fund, which is the designated source of funding for scholarships.

Kim McKenna suggested to members that they vote on the proposed changes to the Ogle-Lee Constitution as a whole rather than each item individually and it was agreed upon by consensus.

There were no questions about these proposed changes as presented:

1. Board must approve an assistant to an officer,
2. officer nomination will be in May and election in September of odd-numbered years,
3. eliminated Music and Informative and Protective Standing Committees,
4. changed Membership Meetings to two times a year during second week of May and September,
5. change Executive Board Meetings to second Tuesday of March, July, and November,
6. allow Executive Board Meetings to be held in person or via electronic communication,
7. members will be able to RSVP via e-mail to the Membership Chairperson or calling the Contact Coordinator,
8. any member not canceling luncheon reservation is responsible for payment,
9. annual dues paying members over age 90 will receive complimentary local members and Ogle-Lee will notify IRTA requesting complimentary state membership
10. older members unable to attend meetings or pay local dues may be granted honorary membership with local dues waived.

The motion by Richard Longfellow and seconded by Jean Whipple to accept the proposed Constitution changes was approved.

Carole Sutton encouraged members to donate blood and/or spread the word about a Rock River Valley Blood Drive to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 2:00- 6:00 PM at the Chana Church.

Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple requested members notify her when they drop landlines and provide her with cellphone numbers, encouraged current members to invite recent retirees to join IRTA, and offered to provide membership informational packets to any members willing to go to their former schools to drop off information to upcoming retirees.

Jean Hoff and Becky Cheek honored and provided some information about deceased members from 2019-2021. Ogle-Lee RTA donates \$10 per each deceased member that year to the IRTA Foundation. Most of their obituaries can be found on our website at [ogleleertaonline.weebly.com](http://ogleleertaonline.weebly.com) .

Kim McKenna and Jean Whipple encouraged members to visit us on Facebook and our website for updated information. U.S. Mail will only be used for members not providing e-mail addresses.

Kim McKenna announced that Ogle-Lee RTA is planning a June, 2022 Social Hour at Kennay Farms Distillery in Rochelle for current members and recent education retirees to encourage membership and find out more about membership benefits. More information to follow.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022 beginning at 9:30 AM at the Village Bakery in Oregon, IL.

The next Membership Luncheon Meeting will be in September 2022.

Kim McKenna thanked Carole Sutton for making the room arrangements and table favors. She thanked members for attending. Members were invited to continue socializing as room rented until 2:00 PM.

Elke Grennan, Secretary