

# WOEA-R

## Western Ohio Education Association Retired ~ established 1989

Agenda Nov. 16, 2011

WOEA-R Meeting at the Schuster Center and Citilites

### Chairperson

Jane Rahn

### Vice-Chairpersons

Deborah Drake

Virgenea Roberts

### Secretary

Wanda Adams

### Treasurer

Sheila Campbell

### OEA-R Advisory Council

Jane Rahn

### Past-Chairperson

Nancy Brown

Welcome: Introduction of Officer present, guests and members

Those in attendance included: Deb Drake, Barbara Leese, Virgenea Roberts, Rosa Turpin, Barb Weikert, Jane Rahn, Carolyn Boze, Emmy Brudzynski, Phil Long, Elvira Montgomery, Arnetta Depp, Sandy Freeman, Pat Lynch, Rhonda Penrod, and guest: Regina Hunt, Lila Lowe, Larry Boze

Minutes of Oct. 19 meeting: three spelling corrections of names: Bradfute, Virgenea, and Brudzynski. Any other corrections? Motion to accept as corrected by Elvira Montgomery, second by Phil Long, motion passed.

Treasurer is on a trip.

Program report for 2012: Virgenea Roberts and Deb Drake March meeting will be at Esther Price Candies and luncheon will be held at Franco's Italian on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. List of future venues will be distributed at December meeting. Save the date: May 16<sup>th</sup> for OEA-R Spring Conference. November and December meetings 2012 will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays due to holidays.

Past President Report: Nancy Brown: absent no report

Other Committee Reports:

President Report: Jane Rahn

Thank you to all who gave money and/or hours to repealing of SB 5...NO vote on Issue 2.

Many retired members met Sarah Markey from Northeast Region of the National Education Association as she was on loan to help us with Issue 2. She thanked the retired group who when active had fought and won the right to bargain collectively in Ohio.

Throughout the campaign other leaders from NEA and OEA were in the area phone banking and canvassing along with police, fire, AFL-CIO, concerned citizens, nurses, and retired teachers. They were NEA Vice-President Lily Eskelsen, NEA Executive Director Christy Lovings, OEA Vice-President Bill Leibensperger, OEA President Pat Frost-Brooks, OEA Executive Director Larry Wicks, just to name a few. Other leaders from other organizations were AFSCME John Lyall, Pres.; Lee Sanders; Faith-based Communities, D. Fairchild.

OEA FCPE: Carol Kinsey reported that invitations and forms were sent to Josh Mandel and Sherrod Brown for United States Senate screening. It was noted that Josh Mandel outlined his views on education but did not return the required NEA questionnaire. He also did not want to screen by SKYPE or conference call with members on the committee. Sherrod Brown did return required documents and did have a conference call. It was moved that OEA endorse S. Brown. FCPE forms were distributed and \$148 was collected.

Dates:

The NEA-R Regional Conference is now called the NEA-R Leadership Development and Organization Conference. It is tentatively planned for March 27- 30 in TX.

The 2012 NEA-R Annual Meeting is June 27-29, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

Dec. 2-3, 2011: OEA-R and OEA Representative Assemblies in Columbus.

May 16, 2012 **Spring OEA-R Conference**...save the date... **Get on Board—It's Entertainment**

Location: Entertainment Junction Cincinnati (West Chester) OH 45069 (exit 22 off I-75).

**FYI: Round 2: Right to Work Issue.** The Gov. is ignoring the voices and votes. Nov. 10, 2012 Columbus Dispatch - The right to work issue is being talked about and considered for placement on the Nov. 2012 ballot. Statistics show that right to work states have lower wages and endanger the safety and health standards that protect workers on the job.

### WOEA-R Mission Statement

The mission of Western Ohio Education Association Retired (WOEA-R) is to support continued leadership and the maintenance of professional skills and to enhance the unique potential of participating members.

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The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ESP Dinner was attended by Nancy Brown and Jane Rahn at the Ramada Inn on Nov. 9, 2011. Information about WOEa-R, OEA-R/NEA-R was distributed. Food and program was enjoyable. Nancy won a gift card but graciously declined it, so that an ESP member could win.

Next WOEa-R meeting is Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 am. Location: The Caroline in Troy. (Note: This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. due to the holiday season.) May bring a \$5-7 gift for an exchange.

This evening, Nov. 16, a number of retirees will attend the Fall Forum at Northmont. Arnetta Depp is chairing the session entitled ***What Free Time? (Life After Retirement)***. Also Clayton Luckie will receive the *WOEA Friend of Education award*.

**New Business:** Elvira Montgomery suggested WOEa-R compile a membership directory with names, addresses, emails, and birthdays. Phil Long agreed to be adhoc chair of committee since it is a function of membership committee.

**Old Business:**

**Announcements:**

- Next mailing is Feb. 28, 2012 at DEA Office, Elvira Montgomery, Chair
- Newsletter items are due to Sandy Freeman, newsletter editor, by 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday or two weeks before mailing date which is Feb. 14, 2012.
- Carol E. says hi and that she is making waffles at Christ Church today.

**Adjournment:** 1:35 pm

*Additional notes:*

*Greeting cards with get well wishes were circulated for Nancy Brown, Joan Klein, & Mary Hypes.*

*WOEA-R welcomed two new members, Pat Lynch and Rhonda Penrod both had taught in Dayton Public.*

*Thanks to Jane Rahn for conducting the meeting and taking notes in place of Secretary, Wanda Adams who was not in attendance. Notes are in this font. The other font indicates Jane agenda for this meeting.*

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