

Minutes - WOE-Retired Meeting December 14, 2016

Franco's Ristorante Italiano 824 E. Fifth St 11:00 a.m.

Members brought items for Altergate Church: individual packages of pudding cups, fruit cups, pretzels mac. and cheese, crackers and cheese, peanut butter, drink boxes, small jars of jam/jelly. Thanks for the generous donations.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Phil Long. Those present were: Carolyn Boze, Emmy Brudzynski, Sheila Campbell, Sandy Dobberstein, Deb Drake, Wartita Duvall, Pat Eshbaugh, Jennie Furnas, Pat Lynch, Nancy Mullins, Debbie Owens, Kay Piper, Margorie Punter, Jane Rahn, Virgenea Roberts, Valerie Roldan, Willie Terrell, Barbara Weckert and Dawn Wojcik. Guests: April Paul (Nancy Brown's daughter) and Jan Vivanco. Phil asked the guests to introduce themselves and give information about them. April informed the group that WOE-R was very important to her mother and at her request she is donating \$500.00 to WOE-R. On behalf of the group, Phil thanked her for the donation.

The Minutes of the November 16th meeting was sent to all members. Sandy Dobberstein move to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Pat Lynch. Motion approved.

Pat Lynch presented the treasurer's report: Total assets as of 11/30/16: Income-\$106. Expenses-\$70.50 (stamps). \$94-Louisville for a total donation of \$200. Dividends-\$14. Total: \$5998.70. Dawn Wojcik moved to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Valerie Rodan. Motion approved.

Chairperson Report: Phil A. Long

Sandy Dobberstein and Phil A. Long are attending Uniserv Council meetings in WOE-R and finding active members to be very receptive. All Locals in WOE-R have been asked to send the names, address, email, phone number of 2015 and 2016 retirees to WOE-R.

The following WOE-R members served as delegates to the OEA-R Delegate Assembly and the OEA Representative Assembly on December 2-3: Jane Rahn, Sandy Coe, Willie Terrell, Warlita Duvall, Clarice Thomas, Phil A. Long. All delegates participated in the FCPE Fund Drive. The following won items during the drawing: Phil, Jane, Sandy, Willie and Warlita. WOE-R was in charge of contributing items for a gift basket at the OEA-R table. A Western Ohio theme was used with items from the Versailles Winery, Mike Sell's chips, Esther Price candy, Winan's candy, Smales pretzels, a book by Paul Laurence Dunbar and a book on the Wright Brothers. Jeanette Johnson of Capital won and seemed very pleased!!!

Rita Walters (EOEA) and Bob Stein (current STRS Board chair) are running for the two retired seats on the STRS Board. Retired members are being asked to sign petitions to make sure these two extremely qualified members are elected to the Board in the spring. They need signatures from several different counties. Phil thanked those who signed the petitions. Also, do not forget to vote for these two people.

Vice Chairperson Report: Sandy Dobberstein

March 15, 2017: Tour of Victoria Theatre (\$5 donation) 138 N. Main St. Lobby at 10:45 – tour at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Brixx Ice House, 500 E. First St. (Parking available but limited – carpool).

April 19, 2017: Ted Gudolf, attorney will speak on important topics for seniors. Program and lunch at Company 7 BBQ, 1001 S. Main St., Englewood at 11:00 a.m.

May 17, 2017: Guy Kendall-Freas. “Now that you’re retired, what does NEA Member Benefits have to offer you?” Location: Ray’s Wine and Spirits, 8268 N. Main St., Dayton.

June 21, 2017: American Packard Museum (\$7 admission and tour fee), 420 S. Ludlow St., Dayton. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Spaghetti Warehouse 36 W. Fifth St., Dayton.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Editor: Sandy Freeman. Next deadline for articles is February 14th to Sandy Dobberstein.

Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr. Next mailing is February 28, 2017 at the DEA Office. Helpers needed. Please consider helping with the mailings.

Membership: Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn. We have no new since fall. Emmy and Jane have gone over the list and limited those who have not joined.

Community Outreach-Artemis: Nancy Mullins. Donations can be brought to any meeting. School supplies are encouraged and needed. The items will be delivered directly to Artemis.

Sunshine: Debbie Owens. If you know of anyone, please write their name, address and give to Debbie. Four cards were signed at the meeting.

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik. She encouraged everyone to use the website for updates. We need to be concerned about those who support public education and be activists. FCPE Donations at the meeting was \$110.00 given by nine people.

WEOA – Organizing Strategy: Val Roldan. Christmas at LaCamedia is being considered since the fall one was a success. They are planning a baseball game date. **All Committee representatives need to send a written report to Sandy Dobberstein by Feb. 14, 2017.

Old Business:

Pre Retiree Workshop: Jane Rahn, (Coordinator), Sandy Dobberstein, Debbie Drake, Emmy Brudzynski, Warlita Duvall and Yolanda Unger. It was highly successful and well attended – 68 members and 4 guests. They received many positive comments.

Strike at Louisville – The teachers went back to work since many needed their benefits. A big thank you to all who donated. The delegates to the OEA Rep Assembly donated approximately \$6,000.00.

OEA-R Delegate Assembly – report filed and sent.

OEA Rep Assembly – report filed and sent.

Women’s March – Sandy Dobberstein. Women’s march set for January 20th is not a protest march.

New Business:

STRS – retired petitions for Rita Walters and Bob Stein – OEA endorsed

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Remember to bring a friend/guest/retired ESP and/or educator to a meeting! Encourage fellow colleagues and friends to join us.

www.retiredamericans.org Alliance for Retired Americans

-- NEA Member Benefits on Facebook and Twitter

<http://www.neamb.com/assets/content/documents>

Dates in 2017:

March 15 - WOE-R at Victoria Theatre

March 21-23 - NEA-R Organizing Conference Dallas, TX

April 19 – WOE-R at Company 7 BBQ

April 26 - OEA-R Spring Conference Mansfield: Kingwood Center (carpool)

May 9-13 - OEA-R Delegate Assembly and OEA RA

May 17 - WOE-R at Ray's Wine and Spirits

June 21 - WOE-R at American Packard Museum

June 27- July 4 - NEA-R and NEA Rep Assembly