

WOEA-Retired Meeting March 15, 2017

Minutes

Tour of Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St.

Brixx Ice House 500 E. First Street

The meeting was called to order by Phil A. Long at 12:45 P.M. Phil welcomed and introduced members. He had a drawing for members with birthdays in January, February and March.

Those present were: Emmy Brudzynski, Sandy Dobberstein, Waritla Duvall, Pat Eshbaugh, Jo Fehl, Sandy Freeman, Jennie Furnas, Elvira Montgomery, Nancy Mullins, Jane Rahn, Willie Terrell, Yolanda Unger, Barbara Weikert and Dawn Wojcik.

Dawn Wojcik moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016 as written. Seconded by Pat Eshbaugh. Motion carried.

Pat Lynch was not present but sent her report. Total assets as of February 28th: Scholarship: 1259.49, Expenses: 101.76, Checking: 2661.44 Total of \$6672.49. CD: \$2500. Dawn moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Sandy Freeman. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report: Phil A. Long:

Feb. 10 – attended NEA Gala B. on February 10th and will attend Organizing Conference in Dallas on March 20-23rd.

Readers for “Read Across America” were: Kay Piper, Yolanda Unger, Carol Hone, Kay Klopfleisch, Willie Terrell and Valerie Roldan. Books were purchased by WOE-R for each reader to present to the classroom.

March 2-3: OEA-R: It was agreed to Advisory Council for a change in Read Across America for next year.

Uniserv Attendance: Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn and Phil Long. It was very informative. Agreed to put together a booklet of ideas.

Vice Chairperson Report: Sandy Dobberstein

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 12:30 p.m. at Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. 5th St., Dayton.

September 20: Speaker on the Garth Museum at Company 7 BBQ, 1001 S. Main St., Englewood at 11:00 a.m.

October 18: St. Vincent de Paul – bring items for men, women and children.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Editor: Sandy Freeman. Next deadline for articles: April 12th.

Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr.: Last mailing on February 28 with thanks to Marje Punter, Pat Eshbaugh, Emmy Brudzynski, Willie Terrell and Phil A. Long. Special thanks to David Romick for running off the newsletter. It was suggested that WOE

donation paper, money or something for DEA. The next mailing will be April 25th at the DEA Office. Helpers are needed.

Membership: Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn: New members are: Nola Brooks, Mary Ann Grimberg, Farhat B. Khan, Kay Klopfleisch and Mary Hargreaves.

Community Outreach-Artemis: Nancy Mullins: You can bring your donations to any meeting. They will be delivered directly to Artemis. Phil asked her to bring a list to the next meeting.

Sunshine: Debbie Owens: If you know of anyone, please write their name and address and give to Debbie. Sympathy cards sent to Pat Lynch and the family of Carol Gerhard.

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik: Please keep in touch with the legislation. Daily calls to Representatives to: Portman, Turner and Brown helps to let them know that we exist and are concerned with what is going on in education. Sign up for the website and you can keep up to date. We had 9 people contribute to FCPE at the meeting for a total of \$217.00. To date we have received a total of \$747.00.

WEOA – Professional Efficacy: Phil A. Long – planning workshop on use of paraprofessionals with classroom teachers.

New Alliance for Retired America: Jane Rahn – Medicare under attack – big changes. There is a plan for a 25% cuts, raise age for Social Security to 67, vouchers/coupons for medicare plan and more out of pocket. Social Security is not costing money. All these are not true and we need to stay informed and aware of what is happening.

Old Business

Women’s March: Sandy Dobberstein - Very inspiring, peaceful, joyful and a happy time. There were seven buses leaving from Meijer with around 500 people from our area.

STRS - Rita Walters and Bob Stein are running apposed. NO election is needed; Montgomery, Shelby and Mercer Counties reached their goal early.

New Business

OEA-R Election – At-Large for OEA-R Advisory Board: Jane Rahn; NEA Rep Assembly: Jane Rahn, Warlita Duvall, Willie Terrell and Phil A. Long. Your vote is needed.

New Educator Project – New teachers will be contacted from the area. The idea is to give support to new teachers. Several WEOA-R members signed up to call new teachers from our area. The responses will be given to educational leaders to assist the new teachers. This is a grant.

WEOA Teacher Appreciation Dinner is May 10. Register on: www.woea.org/ Phil strongly encourages teachers to attend.

Spring OEA-R Conference – April 26 Kingswood Center, Mansfield.

Dawn Wojcik moved to allot up to \$250 for the registration fee of \$25 for WEOA-R members to attend the Spring OEA-R Conference in Mansfield on April 26. Anyone asking for reimbursement will need to submit a copy of their registration form and

confirmation of their attendance to the treasurer before the May 17th meeting. Seconded by Waritla Duvall. Motion carried.

May 12-13 OEA Rep Assembly: Those attending from WOEa-R is Walita, Jane, Sandy, Phil and Clarice. Candidates from WOEa: Sophia Rodriguez – NEA Director #2; Mary Hargreaves – OEA ESP Representative.

Jane Rahn informed the group that Carol Gerhard passed on March 11, 2017, She was a charter member of WOEa-R, representative and served as Vice President of the Ohio Education Association. A life member of NEA/NEA-R, OEA/OEA-R, WOEa/WOEa-R and ORTA. Jane moved that WOEa-R donate \$50.00 from the general fund to the Founder's Scholarship Fund in memory of Carol Gerhard. Seconded by Willie Terrell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Dates to remember in 2017:

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

April 12 – WOEa Rep Assembly, Piqua.

April 19 – WOEa-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 - WOEa-R at Ray's Wine and Spirits. (Executive Committee stay 1 hour for planning meeting).

June 21 - WOEa-R at American Packard Museum.

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