

WOEA-Retired Meeting

May 15, 2019

May 15: Program: Program, lunch and business meeting at 11:00 a.m. at Communita, 100 Watervliet Ave, Dayton. The cafe is owned and operated by Dawn Thomas, a Dayton resident and 1975 graduate of Belmont High School. It is in a building that originally housed a neighborhood grocery store, later a ceramic shop and most recently an antique store.

The meeting was called to Order by Phil A. Long at 11:20 a.m. Those present were: Emmy Brudzynski, Sandy Dobberstein, Jo Fehl, Jennie Furnas, Nancy Mullins, Kay Piper, Marj Punter, Jane Rahn, Willie Terrell and Dawn Wojcik.

Dawn Wojcik moved to approve the minutes of April 17th Seconded by Jane Rahn. Motion approved.

Sandy Dobberstein presented the Treasurer Report. Total assets as of April 30, 2019: ; Savings (Scholarship): \$1,485.80, Vision Checking (checkbook): \$274.10; Cash Management Checking (interest earning): \$5,096.77 Total: \$6,856.57.

Vice Chairperson Report: Sandy Dobberstein 937-554-6338

June 19 Program: Program, lunch and business meeting 11:00 a.m. at MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave., Kettering. Our program will be given by the Washing Township-Centerville Public Library. Prepare to smile as you learn more about our beloved hometown humorist Erma Bombeck. Debe Dockins from the library will present: Erma Bombeck: A Celebration of laughter. RSVP: sldobberstein@gmail.com 937-554-6338

Committee Reports

Newsletter Editor: This may not happen due to schedules – if someone wants to take responsibility, let Phil know. Next deadline for articles: May 23, 2019.

Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr Next mailing: **May 29, 2019** 10:00 at the DEA Office.

Membership: Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn. They have sent out letters to retired teachers encouraging them to join WOE-R. New member: Michelle Langmeyer from Celina joined since the last meeting.

Community Outreach...Artemis: Marje Punter BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES! She has taken something after every meeting. They are very appreciative of all donations. Gift cards are well accepted. A wish list was given to the members present.

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik. One month away from the drawing (4 Dragon tickets plus parking pass and a gift basket. \$55.00 was collected today. Total for the year \$840.00. Visit: ohea.org and nea.org Dawn wanted to remind everyone about the Constitutional Rights Day on May 26th. There will be a picnic at McIntosh Park as a positive reaction to the gathering downtown Dayton. Dawn report that there is a consideration to raise beginning salary of teachers to \$30,000.00 per year instead of \$20,000.00.

Phil Long informed the group about the meeting held on May 13th to honor those who participated in Read Across America. Everyone who read enjoyed reading to the students. Hopefully more will join the group next year.

Phil Long reported on WOE – Organizing Strategy. Sophia Rodriguez was not elected. This was a great time to have a woman as part of the OEA Leadership team.

Nominations Committee – Dawn Wojcik and Debbie Owens. Dawn reported that the only position filled at this time was Treasurer – Sandy Dobberstein. She encouraged members to commit to one of the positions before the next meeting.

WOEA-R Officer Elections: The WOE-R Nominating Committee is seeking people who are willing serve a one-year term from August, 2019 through July, 2020 in the following offices. The election will occur at the June meeting. The **Chair** runs the WOE-R meetings, has a seat at the WOE Board of Director meetings, and may attend Uniserv Council meetings (others may be delegated to assist with with WOE & Uniserv meetings). The **Chair** co-ordinates with and supports the other officers. The **Vice Chair** fills in when the Chair is not available and sets the program and location of the meetings which are traditionally held on the 3rd Wednesdays of September, October, November, December, March, April, May, and June. The **Secretary** takes and publishes the minutes of each meeting. The **Treasurer** takes care of the checking account by accepting dues and donations and by writing checks. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please email Dawn Wojcik at dawn.e.wo@gmail.com or Debbie Owens at hhteach@hotmail.com. If you know someone who should consider running, please talk to them first, then ask them to email Dawn or Debbie, or allow you to email us. These positions are wonderful opportunities to use your leadership skills and to help your colleagues. Please consider putting your name in nomination. Also, Dawn and Debbie will be reaching out to WOE-R members asking them to run for the office. While running does not guarantee that you will win the election, please be prepared to serve if you place your name on the ballot

Old Business

Delegates for NEA-R: Willie Terrell(243), Phil A. Long(261) – elected; Jane Rahn(180) – alternate. WOE-R: 89/774 = 11.50% (2nd highest turnout)

OEA-R delegates: Sandy Coe, Jane Rahn, Willie Terrell, Phil A. Long
Support for Sophia Rodriguez for OEA Vice President

New Business

Discussion: more activity/participation in WOE-R. Talk with friends about the organization, Encourage them to join. Bring a friend to a meeting.

OEA-R Phase II Project – Jane and Phil 64 Locals; 493 employees (potential and non-members)

ESP Membership drive (1 drawing for every ten new membership forms for OEA/NEA – free membership) by August 1

Rapid Action Team – Training July 16 for legislative action, labor dispute, school emergency, crisis, etc – only called upon if needed

Save the Date: OEA-R Fall Conference: September 11 at OEA. NEW FORMAT!!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted: Jennie Furnas