

## MINUTES: WOE-R EVENT SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

*Wear RED for ED – every Wednesday*

**Meadowbrook Country Club, 6001 Salem Ave., Clayton.**

**Call to Order:** 11:09 by Phil Long

### **Sandy Dobberstein introduced the speaker: Charlotte Golden**

Charlotte Golden from Kleptz YMCA spoke for about 30 minutes about the opportunities, programs and classes, membership and the Silver Sneakers programs available to retired persons. She spoke on behalf of all branches of the Y in the Miami Valley.

- Silver Sneakers (beginning at age 60)- Some get a membership for free (earnings under \$35,000) and some get discounts (ex: Plan B on medicare. Most teachers don't get it, based on the insurance they have, but she always works with us. She talks about our situation and helps to figure out a workable rate.
- There are lots of programs (exercise, social, etc) for seniors and people of all ages.
- Memberships are usually good for any Y in the country and sometimes outside of the country.
- Go into any Y to get a folder of helpful information for how you can be involved in the YMCA!

**Those present were:** Carolyn Boze, Bonnie Bozovich, George Bozovich, Jim Brinkman, Sandy Dobberstein, Debbie Drake, Carolyn Elam, Sandy Freeman, Jennie Furnas, Rogena Hunt, Yuverdia Irving, Phil A. Long, Diane Mann, Elvira Montgomery, Lori Moodie, Nancy Mullins, Debbie Owens, Marge Punter, Jane Rahn, Virgenea Roberts, Valerie Roldan, Willie Terell, Barbara Weikert, Dawn Wojcik

### **Attendance Summary:**

24 members and guests attended. 6 more to reach the goal of 30 attendees for the WOE-R 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Secretary Report: Lori Moodie** - Approval of June 19, 2019 minutes with corrections:

Motion: Sandy Dobberstein; Second: Jane Rahn

### **Treasurer Report: Sandy Dobberstein**

**Total assets as of Sept. 18, 2019:** \$6,678.26 Savings: \$1,185.98 Vision Checking (checkbook): \$385.90

Cash Management Checking (interest earning): \$105.38 Sandy discussed that WOE-R is spending a little more than we're taking in. Our only income is memberships. Therefore, she asked for each member to sign up at least one new member each year. Pre-retired members count.

### **Chairperson Report: Phil A. Long**

- The goal for WOE-R this year is to have 30 people at each meeting in order to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had 24 members and guests today.
- Marge Punter and Sandy Dobberstein were recognized for attending 100% of all the meetings last school year.
- Discussed FCPE and that we need education friendly candidates.
- There are ten districts of retired groups in OEA, and WOE-R is the most active.
- This year WOE-R is celebrating the 30th anniversary by centering much of the activities around the 30 years such as trying to get 30 people to attend each meeting, donating 30 items each month to artemis, donating FCPE money that has 30 in it, etc.

- October 18, 2019 is the next deadline for committee reports
- The only WOEА committees which have met as of today's this school year is the Professional Efficacy committee.
- Grand North- has salary and insurance issues
- Jane Rahn discussed that social media is a problem.
- Phil Long- Discussed that vaping is now a rural problem, not just a city problem.

**Moment of Remembrance for Anneliese DiGiacomo:** Jane Rahn discussed the life of her friend and longtime active WOEА-R retiree. She passed around a program from the funeral for all to see.

#### **Vice Chairperson Report – Sandy Dobberstein**

-Sandy Dobberstein reviewed the following upcoming events:

**October 16-** Program, lunch and business meeting 11:00AM at MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave., Kettering. Road Scholar (Was previously called Elderhostel) is an American not-for-profit organization that provides educational travel tours primarily geared to older adults. Meet Nancy Tanner, an ambassador for Road Scholar who will share about this amazing organization.

**November 20-** (Rescheduled from April 2019) Program, lunch and business meeting 11:00AM at Ray's Wine Bar, 8268 N Main St., Dayton. Friendship Force (FF) is a non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy through homestay Journeys and personal friendships. Through these exciting personal encounters, strangers become friends. Their programs bring diverse people together into each other's cultures and homes to share experiences. Julie Vann, Past- President of the Dayton Chapter, will share about Friendship Force. (WOEА-R member Jane Rahn is a FF member and has traveled with FF)

**December 18-** Program, lunch and business meeting 11:00AM Old Scratch Pizza 812 S Patterson Blvd, Dayton, OH 45402. We will be meeting in their private room and will order individually. Program: Artemis House and Crazy Christmas Swap. Bring items or a gift card to share with Artemis House AND bring a wrapped gift (under \$10 new or used) to exchange with our group. We can have some fun among ourselves and share the Christmas spirit with someone less fortunate than ourselves.

March/April meetings: Marge Punter

**March 18-**11:00 Jimmy's Ladder 11 936 Brown Street Dayton 45409 Speaker from Artemis Center. Bring those 30 items you have saved during January and February.

**April 15-** 11:00 MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering 45429 Speaker: Debe Dockins on Annie Oakley "Little Sure Shot".

May/June Meetings: Bonnie Bozovich

**May 20-** T.J.Chumps in Huber Heights. Did you know that moving your head an inch forward equals 25 pounds of pressure on your neck? Come hear NUCCA Chiropractor and author of "The Living Code", Dr. Terry McCoskey as he explains why this is true and how it affects the rest of your body. Send reservation to Debbie Owens at [hhteach@hotmail.com](mailto:hhteach@hotmail.com)

## WOEA-R Goals for 2019-2020

1. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WOEА- 1989-2019
2. Increase attendance at meetings to 30
3. Bring 30 items for Artemis, contributions to FCPE
4. Collect books for hospitals/schools – work with WOEА Professional Efficacy Committee on Read Across America – 30 readers
5. Work closely with WOEА to host the pre-retirement workshops

## Committees: 2019-2020

- a. Newsletter Editor: Wayne Wlodarski

Deadline Dates: August 23

October 18

February 14

April 17

- b. Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr. DEA Office 10:00

Mailing Dates: August 28

October 23

February 19

April 22

-Willie Terell gets the mailings (sends out about 100). He thanked those who have helped him with these.

- c. Membership: Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski

-Jane gave out new membership forms of members.

-Use word of mouth to invite new people, including pre-retired.

-If we know of anyone who hasn't shown up, contact them.

-WOEA-R has 4 new members; 2 new life members and 4 deceased members.

-New memberships are tax deductible if they are purchased while still teaching.

-Memberships for NEA/OEA increased to \$450 from \$400; WOEА- \$100 but \$90 if purchased by Sept. 20.

- d. Community Outreach: Artemis: Marge Punter

-They have a list of donations that they need. She'll take the donations to St. Vincent's right after each WOEА-R meeting. She will also take cash or gift cards (preferably in \$5-\$10 increments so they can donate them to more people).

-WOEA-R members were very generous with donations to our Community Outreach: Artemis and St. Vincent DePaul. There was just enough room for Marge and her guests in the car among the bookbags, lunch boxes, folders, pens, and other items. There were 30 of many items!

-Marge raffled off gifts using raffle tickets for those donating to Artemis at today's WOEА-R meeting: Debbie O., Lori, Doris, Carolyn B.

- e. Sunshine: Deb Owens

-See Artemis list on website under community. Let Debbie know if we know of any members who need sympathy.

- f. Legislative/FCPE: Dawn Wojcik

-14 members contributed \$232 to FCPE (Notice the 30 in the amount!)

-FCPE is money above and beyond dues to support candidates in public education.

-For every \$10, you get a chance for a drawing. The prize is zoo passes.

-FCPE donations are not tax deductible.

-FCPE donations cannot exceed \$100 in cash.

-To stay updated on Legislative happenings go to ohea.org

g. Read Across America – Valerie Roldan

-She needs readers on March 2 for Read Across America day. She would like teachers to read in schools they retired from. She would like donations of new books. Bring them to a meeting before March, and they'll put a donation plate into each one.

-Frank LaRose, Secretary of State, might read.

-Goal is to get at least 30 readers (for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WOE-R)

h. Past Chair: Jane Rahn

i. Pre-retirement workshop – Phil A. Long, Debbie Owens, Sandy Dobberstein, Val Roldan

-Sites: Beaver Creek, Fort Loramie, Arcanum-Butler

j. WOEA Committees

a. Collective Bargaining: Jane Rahn

b. Local Development and Training/ pre-retirement workshops: Phil A. Long

c. Professional Efficacy: Val Roldan and Arnetta Depp

d. Human Rights: Sandy Coe

e. Organizing Strategy: \_\_\_\_\_

k. WOE-R Uniserv Council Meetings

1. Far West, Miami A&B, Western – Sandy Dobberstein

2. Grand Lake, Grand Old River – Phil A. Long

3. Greene Co, Happy Trails – Jane Rahn

l. Facebook/web : Deb Owens Check out: [woea-r.ohea.us](http://woea-r.ohea.us)

**Old Business:**

1. OEA-R State Conference – September 11 Attendance: Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, Phil A. Long

2. Ladies Luncheon attendance: Debbie Owens, Dawn Wojcik, Jane Rahn, Debbie Drake, Emmy Brudzynski

3. NEA-R: Willie Terrell and Phil A. Long were elected delegates

4. OEA-R Advisory Board September 10 : Phil A. Long, Representative; Jane Rahn, At-Large

5. ARA Convention September 10: Sandy Dobberstein

6. The new NEA Executive Director is Kim Anderson.

7. There has been a noticeable shift at the NEA RA toward voting for social justice issues.

8. Willie Terrell said there were at least 10 Presidential candidates who spoke at the NEA RA in 2019. He also stated that we need to get people to go to the poles who support public education.

9. Advisory Board- Jane Rahn represents the whole state of Ohio.

10. Sandy Dobberstein spoke about a half day lobby day (written report included).

**New Business:**

1. 2018-2019 Recognition for perfect attendance: Sandy Dobberstein and Marge Punter

2. Reports were shared about the OEA-R Conference (Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, Phil Long)
3. NEA-R- Willie Terell and Phil Long shared a report.
4. OEA-R advisory Board- Jane Rahn and Phil Long shared a report.
5. ARA Convention- Sandy Dobberstein shared a report.
6. Delegates for WOE: Nominations from the floor took place and then the election. The delegates who were elected were: Phil A. Long (23 out of 23 votes, by virtue of office), Marge Punter (12/23 votes), Willie Terell (11/23). Alternates (in this order) are: Lori Moodie (7/23), Doris Moore (7/23), Emmy Brudzynski (6/23), Sandy Coe (5/23).
7. Delegates to OEA-R
  1. Jane Rahn (Advisory) 2. Phil A. Long (Advisory) 3. Willie Terrell
  4. Marge Punter 5. Sandy Coe 6. Lori Moodie
8. Membership in NAACP – Willie Terrell (handout)
  1. Individual \$30 2. Group \$750

Willie presented information for WOE-R to join the NAACP, and much discussion occurred regarding this topic. Willie Terrell moved that a lifetime membership to the NAACP be paid by WOE-R for no less than \$75 per year for the next 10 years. Dawn Wojcik seconded. After discussion, Marge Punter called for the question. The motion passed.

-The NAACP membership is a group membership and will allow any member of the WOE-R to attend the meetings, which occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.
9. Support for Montgomery County ESC Olympics May 20 via Mary Hargreaves (pre-retired) handout – think of ways to help
10. OEA/NEA Rapid Response Team- When there is a need they can call on people for help- For example, this team could help with tornadoes, school shootings, negotiations, etc.
11. Ohio Voter Purge check: Check the voter website to make sure your vote has not been purged.
12. STRS handouts from Rita Walters- Should have received these.
13. NEA delegates- Phil A. Long and Willie Terell, elected delegates, thanked everyone for their support. They mentioned that they met the new NEA executive director(handout).

Dates: October 23: WOE Recognition Gala – 30 WOE-R reservations needed to meet our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary goal!!!! Hope Hotel – Wright Patterson

November 5 – ELECTION DAY – elect 30+ pro-education candidates

November 6 – WOE Fall Forum- online registration will open in October (goal 30 WOE-R attend);

Location- Ponitz school in Dayton Public Schools; There will be at least 6 different sessions. Anyone can attend (not just delegates).

## **Adjournment**

**Lori Moodie, Secretary**

