

MINUTES: WOE-R EVENT NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Wear RED for ED – every Wednesday

RAY'S WINE BAR 8268 N. MAIN ST, DAYTON

Call to Order: 12:10 by Phil Long

Speaker: Julie Vann- 11:25- Sandy Dobberstein introduced our speaker Julie Vann from Friendship Force. Julie Vann, Past-President of the Dayton Chapter, established in 1979, shared about the Friendship Force. Friendship Force 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 home to share experiences. The trips typically last a week but sometimes longer. They will be going on a trip soon to China that will last 3 weeks. FF members have the opportunity of comparing and contrasting likenesses and differences between their country and ours. WOE-R member, Jane Rahn, an FF member, has traveled with FF and shared some of her personal experiences with her trips. She shared that she had been on a variety of types of trips through FF such as a mission type trip and even a cruise. FF has something for almost anyone.

Those present were: Carolyn Boze, Bonnie Bozovich, Sandy Dobberstein, Jennie Furnas, Phil A. Long, Lori Moodie, Marge Punter, Jane Rahn, Dawn Wojcik, Jim Brinkman, Yuverdia Irving, Clarice Thomas

Attendance Summary:

12 members and guests attended. 18 more to reach the goal of 30 attendees for the WOE-R 30th Anniversary!

Secretary Report: Lori Moodie

Approval of Oct, 16 2019 minutes with corrections: Moved by Dawn Wojcik; Second: Jim Brinkman
Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Sandy Dobberstein (The treasurer's report was passed around.)

Total assets as of Sept. 18, 2019: \$12,226.86

Savings: \$510

Cash Management Checking (interest earning): \$5,560.76

Vision Checking (checkbook): \$6,156.10

Remember, WOE-R is spending a little more than we're taking in (According to Sandy Dobberstein). 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 30th anniversary. We had 12 members today.

-Reminder for FCPE and that we need education friendly candidates.

-Dawn Wojcik was recognized today for receiving the Wanda Adams Member Advocacy Award while at the 2019 WOE Fall Forum in November. The criteria for the award are: 1. Leadership; served as an officer, 2. Member advocacy, 3. Mentoring capacity building. The guests at the fall forum were asked to stand if Dawn had ever made any impression on them. It was incredible to see the huge number of people standing to show how strong of a difference Dawn has made in so many people's lives over many years.

Vice Chairperson Report – Sandy Dobberstein

- The December will be a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift of \$10 or less. It can be new or used but should be something nice if used. Wrap it if possible.

-The next newsletter will be out in February. Wayne Wlodarski received many positive comments about the last newsletter.

-Bring books and other items for Artemis.

-Mary Binagar, from OEA, may be coming to visit meetings.

-Sandy Dobberstein reviewed the following upcoming events:

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. Wacky Gift Exchange (Bring a new gift or a white elephant type gift). We will play a version of Swap the gift. The gift can be wrapped or not.

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

June 17- Pierson House in West Milton. The program is "How to avoid being scammed."

WOEA-R Goals for 2019-2020

1. 30th Anniversary of WOE-R 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 WOE-R Professional Efficacy Committee on Read Across America – 30 readers

5. Work closely with WOE-R to host the pre-retirement workshops

Committees: 2019-2020

- a. Newsletter Editor: Wayne Wlodarski (Newsletter completed and will be mailed out in Feb, 2020. There were positive comments on the newsletter.)
Deadline Dates: February 14 April 17
- b. Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr. (next newsletter in Feb., 2020)
Mailing Dates: February 19 April 22
- c. Membership: Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski
- 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 2 new members (Karen Shires: pre-retired; Virginia Burrows- paid her dues)
 - New memberships are tax deductible if they are purchased while still teaching.
 - Memberships for NEA/OEA increased to \$450 from \$400; WOEAs- \$100
 - Membership forms are available upon request.
- d. Community Outreach: Artemis: Marge Punter
- November and December are giving months. Marge wants enough donations to fill up her car.
 - They have a list of donations that they need. She'll take the donations to St. Vincent's and Artemis right after each WOEAs-R meeting.
 - They especially need school supplies, gift cards, and gas cards. Cash or gift cards (preferably in \$5-\$10 increments are best so they can donate them to more people). She will also take gently used items. If Artemis can't use them, St. Vincent's will take them. The bags need to be small enough for Marge to carry them.
 - WOEA-R members have always been very generous with donations to our Community Outreach: Artemis and St. Vincent DePaul.
- e. Sunshine: Deb Owens
- See Artemis list on website under community.
 - Let Debbie know if we know of any members who need sympathy.
 - Reminder that we are collecting books for Read Across America. They need new or gently used books.
- f. Legislative/FCPE: Dawn Wojcik
- Hint hint. Remember \$30 to FCPE!
- FCPE is money above and beyond dues to support candidates in public education.
 - For every \$10, you get a chance for a drawing at the end of the school year. 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
 - There is legislation now about religious beliefs where schools can't make students answer certain questions in certain ways if they don't believe that. WOEAs is not recommending it.
 - Party Convention- This is a great thing to be involved in. You can call any political party which you desire to become involved.

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, but not required. She would like donations of new or very gently used books. Bring them to a meeting before March, and they'll put a donation plate into each one. Preferably bring the books in November and December since those are our "giving months".

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

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

-Sites: Beaver Creek, Fort Laramie, Arcanum-Butler. It will be in March or April.

i. WOE-R Committees

- a. Collective Bargaining: Jane Rahn (usually meets 4th Wednesday of the month); The committee discussed the OEA All Committee charge of determining what student discipline is like throughout the state. This will be a continued charge throughout this school year. OEA hopes to be able to work on some possible solutions.
- b. Local Development and Training/ pre-retirement workshops: Doris Moore (usually meets 3rd Wednesday of the month). This committee met and discussed the speaker for WOE-R Fall Forum and a possible program in the spring.
- c. Professional Efficacy: Val Roldan and Arnetta Depp
- d. Human Rights: Deb Scott (meets first week of the month- Nov. 7) is chair. Sandy Coe
- e. Organizing Strategy: Phil A. Long

j. WOE-R Uniserv Council Meetings- Phil showed an example of an inexpensive book that can be used for contributing. There are lots of these at Ollie's.

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

k. Facebook/web : Deb Owens Check out: woe-r.ohea.us

l. NAACP- Willie Terrell and Doris Moore- WOE-R received the Silver Membership Award. Doris Moore went to NAACP meeting last month.

m. Fall Forum- We had good attendance from the WOE-R. There was much discussion on how great the session was on social media. (The following WOE-R members attended: Willie Terrell, Marge Punter, Phil Long, Jane Rahn, Sandy Coe, Lori Moodie, Emmy Brudzynski, Gail Turner, Val Roldan, Sandy Freeman, Dawn Wojcik, Yuverdia Irving)

Old Business:

1. Delegate candidates for OEA-R: Jane Rahn and Phil A. Long (Advisory Board), Willie Terrell, Marge Punter, Sandy Coe, Lori Moodie, Clarice Thomas (All the delegates that ran were elected.)
-Let them know if there is anything that you want addressed.
2. Support for Montgomery County ESC Olympics May 20 via Mary Hargreaves (pre-retired) handout – think of ways to help

New Business:

1. District House Screening Representatives: Info probably coming in May or June
 1. #39 Marge Punter
 2. #41 Willie Terrell Chair and alt. Delegate
 3. #43 Val Roldan Chair and alt. Delegate
 4. #80 Jane Rahn Delegate
 5. #40 Sandy Dobberstein Vice Chair
 6. #42 Sandy Coe Delegate
 7. #73 Debbie Owens Delegate
 8. #84 Phil Long
2. District Senate Screening Representative
Phil Long Chair and Delegate

DATES TO REMEMBER: OEA-R- December 6-7, 2019

Announcements for the Good of the Order:

- Jane – Nazarene Mays passed away. She was a DPS teacher for 34 years.
- Phil and Willie are in the Ohio Schools Magazine.

Adjournment – 1:11

Lori Moodie, Secretary