

MINUTES: WOE-R EVENT OCTOBER 16, 2019

Wear RED for ED – every Wednesday

MCL Restaurant and Bakery- 4485 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, Ohio 45429

Call to Order: 11:08 by Phil Long

Sandy Dobberstein introduced the speaker: Nancy Tanner

Nancy Tanner is an ambassador from Road Scholar (used to be Elder Hostile and has been around for about 50 years). WOE-R member, Sandy Dobberstein, has been on one of these trips. Road Scholar is an organization that is geared toward older adults, but now with its new name also invites younger adults and even grandkids on some of the trips. There are trips with activity levels all the way from 1 (very low physical levels) up to 5 (more physically active trips). You can travel as a couple, with friends or by yourself and even have a single room if you choose. There are trips for many places all around the world. The activities are all planned out for you so it is an easy way to travel. You can even request that they plan trips for a group (organizations, families, friends, etc). Road Scholar is a non-profit organization, so many of the trips are cheaper than other travel companies. You can even go on service trips through Road Scholar for a very reasonable price. Many of the trips have an educational component to it too.

A \$50 raffle toward the next trip through Road Scholar was awarded to Sandy Freeman.

Those present were: Carolyn Boze, Jim Brinkman, Sandy Coe, Sandy Dobberstein, Jo Fehl, Sandy Freeman, Jennie Furnas, Andrea Hirtle, Yuverdia Irving, Phil A. Long, Diane Mann, Elvira Montgomery, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Nancy Mullins, Debbie Owens, Marge Punter, Valerie Roldan, Dawn Wojcik,

Attendance Summary:

19 members and guests attended. 11 more to reach the goal of 30 attendees for the WOE-R 30th Anniversary!

Secretary Report: Lori Moodie Approval of Sept. 18, 2019 minutes with corrections: Moved by Dawn Wojcik and seconded by Debbie Owens. Motion passed.

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

Total assets as of Sept. 18, 2019: \$12,212.37 Savings: \$500 Cash Management Checking (interest earning): \$5,558.55 Vision Checking (checkbook): \$6,153.82 Sandy discussed in Sept. 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 (handout)

-The goal for WOE-R this year is to have 30 people at each meeting in order to celebrate our 30th anniversary.
-Reminder for FCPE and that we need education friendly candidates.

Vice Chairperson Report – Sandy Dobberstein

-The newsletter is completed. Give thanks to Wayne Wlodarski for doing the newsletter. The mailing will go out on Oct. 30.

- Homer Adams- He is very seriously ill. He is living in Florida.

-Sandy Dobberstein reviewed the following upcoming events:

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. (WEOA-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. 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."

WEOA-R Goals for 2019-2020

1. 30th Anniversary of WEOA- 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 WEOA Professional Efficacy Committee on Read Across America – 30 readers
5. Work closely with WEOA to host the pre-retirement workshops

Committees: 2019-2020

- a. Newsletter Editor: Wayne Wlodarski (Newsletter completed and will be mailed out on Oct. 30)
Deadline Dates: October 18, February 14, April 17
- b. Mailing: Willie Terrill Jr. DEA Office 10:00 on Oct. 23
Mailing Dates: October 30, 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.
 - WEOA-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; WEOA- \$100

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 WOE-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.
- WOE-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

- 7 members contributed \$112 to FCPE (1/2 of the donated amount last month and there was, unfortunately not a number 30 in the amount this month!). Even though this is less than last month, remember Nov and Dec. are coming up and those are giving months. Hint hint. Remember 30!
- 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 (Exs of items to consider acting on this month are: Gun safety legislation and Betsy Devos legislation)
- 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

i. WOEA Committees

- Collective Bargaining: Jane Rahn (usually meets 4th Wednesday of the month)
- Local Development and Training/ pre-retirement workshops: Doris Moore (usually meets 3rd Wednesday of the month)
- Professional Efficacy: Val Roldan and Arnetta Depp
- Human Rights: Deb Scott (meets first week of the month- Nov. 7) is chair. Sandy Coe

e. Organizing Strategy: Phil A. Long

j. WOEa Uniserv Council Meetings- Phil did not have a report.

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: woea-r.ohea.us

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
2. Support for Montgomery County ESC Olympics May 20 via Mary Hargreaves (pre-retired) handout – think of ways to help

Dates: October 23: WOEa Recognition Gala – 30 WOEa-R reservations needed to meet our 30th anniversary goal!!!! Hope Hotel – Wright Patterson

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

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

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

New Business:

1. Membership in NAACP –Bonnie Bozovich donated \$75 toward the WOEa-R lifetime membership to the NAACP. A thank you card will be sent to her. If there is anyone else who would like to make a donation WOEa-R would gladly accept it. Sandy Dobberstein paid the rest of the \$750 membership with WOEa-R funds so that this organization is now a full lifetime member of the NAACP.
2. Debbie Owens made a motion to have WOEa-R representation at each NAACP meeting each month. Marge Punter seconded. It was passed unanimously. There was then discussion that there could be a different person attend each month. Anyone interested should contact Phil immediately.
3. Sandy Dobberstein reminded us that Mary Hargreaves (pre-retired) would like support for Montgomery County ESC Olympics May 19 and 20
4. Vote online for delegates for the OEA-R by Oct. 30.

Announcements for the Good of the Order

Adjournment – 12:55

Lori Moodie, Secretary