

NOVEMBER WOE-R MINUTES
December 7, 2021

WELCOME: Debbie Owens, Dec. meeting chair; She will also be chairing the December meeting.

-December Location- Franco's Restorante Italiano, 824 E. Fifth St. Dayton

-Members brought a lot of books for Read Across America. Drawings will be held at the end of the meeting. Door prizes will be given out to celebrate the holiday season. They will include most books donated, farthest distance traveled, best dress for holiday cheer and more.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Binegar, Jim Brinkman, Emmy Brudzynski, Carolyn Bozeman, Sandy Dobberstein, Deb Drake, Jo Fehl, Yuverdia Irving, Phil Long, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Virgenea Roberts, Karen Shires, Willie Terrell, ClarenceThomas, Joni Watson,

CALL TO ORDER: Deb Owens at 11:40

SECRETARY REPORT: Lori Moodie

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Dobberstein; Sandy made a motion to remove Pat Lynch's name off of the treasurer's account because she is now living in Cleveland and to add Debbie Owen's name. Vote- 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstain

MARY BINEGAR SPOKE BRIEFLY: She showed us her special sweater. Her message about the sweater was to, "Hold your own "keys to your own happiness" no matter what craziness is going on around you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Wayne Wolodarski

Mailing: Willie Terrell, Jr.

Membership: Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski; \$10 per year or \$100 for life; There were 4 new retirees last month, 3 passed away in 2020 and 2021- James Hemple, Mattie Mitch, Lenora Stamper (can't locate)

Sunshine: Debbie Owens- Call her if you know of anyone who needs a card; We signed a holiday card for her.

Legislative: DawnWojcik- Phil Long forwarded an email about the OEA fund meeting to learn the lay of the land about the upcoming election (We need public education supporters)

NAACP: Willie Terrell and Doris Moore- WOE-R is the only district that has a lifetime membership to the NAACP. Many whites think that only blacks can join, but that isn't the case. There are actually more whites that started it.

See Willie if you want to become an individual member. They meet on the 4th Monday of each month- January is the next meeting.

Advisory Counsel: Joni Watson- Advisory counsel- She spoke about the Bruner literacy center- It's in Trotwood. They tutor adults and need volunteers. You can even do this on Zoom.

Advisory Conference- Creating a task force on social justice, pre-retirement workshop. They are concerned there will be lots of retirees this year, due to everything going on now.

Ready, Set, Go Checklist- WOE-R is in good shape.

They'll be talking in January about what's going well, etc.

WOEA COMMITTEES:

Collective Bargaining- Jane Rahn

Organizing Strategy- Phil Long

WOEA UNISERV COUNCIL MEETINGS

Far West, Miami A&B, Western- Sandy Dobberstein

Grand Lakes, Grand Old-River- Phil Long

Greene Co., Happy Trails- Jane Rahn

OLD BUSINESS

-We still don't have a leader, since Phil Long left. Let Jane Rahn know if you are interested or wanting details.

-The WOE-R Vice Chair is rotating, for now.

-Karen Shires spoke about the OEA-R- She said that the CRT (critical race theory) is only being taught in college. They are teaching about the past so the same mistakes aren't repeated.

NEW BUSINESS

-Petition for Rita Walters (Candidate for STRS)- We need to get her elected. (She'll send an electronic report).

-Emulate Roberta's message of being kind.

-Willie Terrell- He said, "We support those who support us" concerning elections. Please follow what OEA asks you to do.

-Deb. Owens- She said to sign the petition for the Supreme Court, if you are willing.

-Petitions for declaration of candidacy for: US Senator- Tim Ryan, Chief Justice and Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court: Marilyn Zayas, State Office- Jeffrey A. Crossman (other than Governor/Lieutenant Governor of Supreme Court), Chief Justice and Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court- Jennifer L. Brunner

-Phil Long was recognized for 6 years of leading the WOE-R. He led by example. He was given a present. Phil recognized the new retirees. WOE-R is known for providing a stable program for retirees.

-We had lunch, played a Christmas Trivia game, had door prizes (most books donated, farthest distance traveled, best dress for holiday cheer and more)

Door prize winners: Raffle- Clarice Thomas, Trivia contest- Jim Brinkman, Best dressed- Yuverdia Irving, Most books- Lori Moodie, Drove the farthest- Phil Long

-March meeting will be led by Doris Moore at the Spaghetti Warehouse at 11:00 on Wednesday, March 16. Topic- Human Trafficking

-April meeting will be at the downtown library. It will be catered. The president of the NAACP will be the speaker. Doris will bring ice cream.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

-Debbie Owens will put bookplates from WOE-R on the books.

-Willie thanked everybody for signing Rita Walter's petition. He also mentioned that OEA-R always has a goal of 100% participation for FCPE (Fund for Children in Public Education).

-Marjorie Punter made a nice donation for the holidays on the behalf of WOE-R to the Artemes house.

-Invite others- work of mouth grows our membership

-No meeting in January and February

ADJOURNMENT: 12:32