

## WEOA-R MINUTES

Sept. 20, 2023

Call to Order: 11:15

Speaker: Misty Spellman

She is a librarian, who discussed the Woman of Woodland Cemetery. She talked about the following women: Doren Electra Collins, Cara E. Weisenborn, Erma Bombeck, Edith M. Walton Deeds, Elizabeth Richter, Charity Adams Early, Betty Dietz Krebs, Virginia W. Kettering, Charlotte Reeve Conoven, Julie Shaw Patterson, Kathleen Wilson Patterson Matilda Stanley, Katharine Kennedy Brown, Marguerite E. Doane, Katharine Wright Haskell.

Treasurer's Report- Sandy Dobberstein

She said she needed guidance on how large of a check she can write without approval.

Joni Watson suggested we discuss the dollar amount to be able to spend. This might go into the standing rules.

She made a **motion**:

Anything \$150 or higher must be pre-approved by the executive board. (Passed unanimously)

They are adding Doris Moore to the bank account today. (left over discussion from the June meeting).

Advisory Council Rep: Joni Watson

She gave a report: Book study by racial and social justice. Nov. – register 10-3:00 at OEA building.

Joni is in charge of assigning people to the leadership groups (uniserves).

Grand Old River and West Alex are the ones that are open for reps. Let Joni know if you're interested.

Jane and Emmy- Joni set up a packet of info to send out to potential members.

Spring Conference- WEOA-R and SWOEA will be in charge. (Maybe at the Peace building and a docent tour). It's downtown with accessible parking and building.

Jon made a motion to spend \$500 on the spring conference for OEA-R. SWOEA-R will also give \$500

Joni-1<sup>st</sup>, Willie- 2<sup>nd</sup> unanimous

There are a variety of programs coming up that Joni hopes some of us will participate in.

Legislative- Check OHEA.org and NEA.org on how they're trying to control public education.

Emmy Brudzinski- Membership- Sept. 3- Last newsletter mailing went out. They are researching some label changes that need to be made. If you know of changes, let Emmy and Jane know.

Elvira Montgomery- Passed in Sept.

Jane wants private info about a member's family to be asked first.

NAACP- Willie; WOE-R is a member. We can join individually too.

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30. Grace United Methodist church.

Collective Bargaining- no report

Human and Civil Rights- We need to partner with groups like NAACP. Thank you for partnering with OEA for Issue 1

Professional Efficacy- Hasn't met yet.

WOEA Leadership Councils

-2 Far West- Need Rep

-Old Grand River- Need Rep

New Business- All committee reports submit by Monday before meeting.

Dawn Wojcik:

Guidelines- Changing to Constitution

-2/3 majority of those present

-Amendments weren't included in the newsletter before the changes can be approved.

-We can have discussion but can't vote until it has been in the newsletter.

-If it goes out in the Nov. newsletter we can vote in Dec. Phil Long was surprised it wasn't in the current newsletter.

-We can do a special edition newsletter if we want. Willie Terrel and Emmy will think about this. It depends on Phil, Jane and Wayne too.

-Sandy Freeman suggested we send out again and ask people to print them for next meeting and bring about 10 for those who need them.

Sandy Dobberstein- She doesn't know how much is in the scholarship fund and doesn't know what to do with it. There is no written record. The intent was to enable members to travel to meetings.

WOEA has a budget for WOE-R to go to the meetings (mileage and postage). Once it's gone, it's done for the year.

WOEA-R doesn't have a sophisticated budget and auditing system.

Dawn made a motion that we delete D10 from treasure's responsibility. (Tabled- will decide later)

Emmy said that Jane has some archives and might be able to find them. Sandy Freeman might have some old newsletters.

Concern that there is no set place to keep records- either filing cabinet at WOE-R office or online or both. Maybe president can ask WOE-R.

WOEA-R chairperson.com account to keep the info. Can be accessible to anyone.

Sandy Freeman is surprised that we don't have a yearly budget. Emmy suggested a finance committee.

Sandy Freeman moves that WOE-R executive sets up an annual budget for WOE-R. Pat Lehman-2<sup>nd</sup>

**Motion-** Joni made a motion that the guidelines go out by email and mail in a special edition newsletter no later than 10/9/23.

-Rationale: That gives time to look at before the surgery

2<sup>nd</sup>- Emmy; passed

Newsletter- Wayne

-Discussion was that we need a deadline for submitting items to Wayne for the newsletter. It will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the newsletter goes out. Wayne's number if you have any questions: (936) 462-3601

Election- WOE-R; Won by Acclamation. No alternates

Next meeting- Trotwood library community room on 10/18/23

Other news- Brunner Literacy center needs tutors

Meeting adjourned- 1:49pm