

# WOEA-R

Sept. 18, 2024

**Those in attendance:** Nola Brooks, Emmy Brudzynski, Phil Long, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Lois Ramey, Karen Shires, Mary Skare, Ernie Stockton, Joni Watson, Dawn Wojcik

**Guest:** Pastor Bill Moore

**Call to Order:** 11:30

Meeting was at Jimmy's Italian Cuisine 824 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**Speaker:** Melodie; She talked about the Citizens, not Politician Constitutional Amendment (gerrymandering). She said this can be a bi-partisan issue. The idea behind this issue is to make the voting lines fair and balanced. You can volunteer for this, if you wish. Melodie gave out talking points

## **Officer's Reports:**

Chairperson Report: Doris Moore

She discussed that our community outreach is still Artemis. They need backpacks, school supplies, toiletries, etc. She also mentioned that her mom passed away. WOE-R extends condolences to Doris and her family. WOE-R delegate election is today.

Secretary's Report: Lori Moodie

Please print our agenda and minutes for each meeting or have them available on your phone or other device for our meetings. Lori will usually have a few copies available for those who don't have access to them.

## **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski

They sent out 70 snail mail newsletters and only received 2 back. If anyone knows anything about Emily Snider and Jane Schweiger, let us know because we don't have a working address for them. The next newsletter will be sent out in November.

We're getting new members. Keep using word of mouth to invite new members.

Sunshine: Debbie Owens

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik (OHEA.org and NEA.org to get more legislative information). ]

Ohio used to be 5<sup>th</sup> and is now the 29<sup>th</sup> in education in the nation. Talk to friends and neighbors about voting. Voting is crucial.

WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) got a hearing in Congress. This is the first time that it has received national attention. This law is where they reduce your social security by 2/3 if you have a pension and Social Security. This negatively affects many educators and public employees.

NAACP- Willie Terrell- no report

Advisory Council- Joni Watson

We're closer than ever to repealing WEP. Like the WOEFA Facebook page. OEA Book study will occur again this school year and will consist of two months per book. The Brunner Literacy is in need of tutor volunteers. Mary Binegar is running again for the State Board of Education.

10/23/24- 6:30-8:00 OEA Virtual Session

Elections- Phil Long

Conducted WOEFA-R delegates election. First, we took nominations from the floor. We also voted in a new WOEFA-R Vice Chair (Clarice Thomas) and Treasurer (Nola Brooks) by acclamation.

The WOEFA-R delegates that were voted in today are: Clarice Thomas (1<sup>st</sup>), Nola Brooks (2<sup>nd</sup>), , , Lori Moodie (alternate), Lois Ramey (2<sup>nd</sup> alternate), Doris Moore, Phil Long and Joni Watson were automatic, by virtue of office. We had to have a re-vote because Lori Moodie and Nola Brooks originally had a tie vote.

WOEFA-R Fall Forum is 11/20/24 at Wayne High School

Elections Committee members are: Phil Long, Dawn Wojcik, Sandy Freeman

WOEFA Committee Reports:

Collective Bargaining- Lori Moodie

Organizing Strategy- Phil Long

DLAMC- Doris Moore

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik

WOEFA Uniserve Council Meetings:

Far West- Nola Brooks (Science of Reading- There is confusion on how to pay teachers for this required training. Discussed Lifewise Academy- This is a fundamentalist Christian Southern Baptist that is encouraging religious training that some public schools are using. They're pulling kids out for this during their study hall. If they are doing this during the school day, it must be off the property. This group may start their own school.

Grand Lake- Phil Long (meeting was cancelled.)

Greene County- Karen Shires (Science of Reading is going to be required. The schools will have to negotiate how they're going to pay for the many required training hours.) Science of Reading is strict phonics instead of cues and clues. Read more about it, if interested. They're getting rid of Reading Recovery.

Happy Trails- Doris Moore

Miami Valley A/B- Joni Watson

2 Far West- Joni Watson

Western- Doris Moore

Grand Old River- Annette Johnson

**Old Business:**

-WEOA-R is one of the few retired organizations in the state to meet monthly, and where activities are being organized for the members to participate in.

**New Business:**

STRS- Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Please attend if you can, so you can get info about what is going on with your pension.

Introductions since we have new members.

**Announcements:**

Jimmy Carter- 10/1/24 is his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some schools did lots of activities to celebrate his birthday.

Next meeting: 11:30 on Oct. 16, 2024, at Coco's Bistro on 250 Warren St. Dayton, OH 45402

**Adjourned:** 1:23