

WOEA-R MINUTES

November 20, 2024's

Shen's Szechuan and Sushi

-Call to Order: 11:18am

-Attendance: Carolyn Boze, Emmy Brudzynski, Sandy Dobberstein, Debbie Drake, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debra Owens, Jane Rahn, Mary Skare, Ernie Stockton, Willie Terrell, Clarice Thomas, Dawn Wojcik, Shirley Worst

Guest: Bill Moore

-Welcome: Doris Moore

-Introduction of Speaker: Jane Rahn; Jane knows Meaghan from her sorority.

-Speaker: Meaghan Fisher- She is a local author of 18 published children books and then three novels under the name Roselia C. Rowe. She also has many other ideas and books in her inventory waiting for her to proceed. Most of her books are written about Ohio for the purpose of encouraging readers of all ages (but mostly children infancy to about age 10) to love to read. Most of her books are focused on teaching about various places in Ohio in a fun way. Each of Meaghan's books also teach moral lessons and bring the readers back to God. She has published one Christian book.

-Lunch and socialization

-Introductions: Round Robin

Business Portion- 12:12pm

-The agenda was adopted unanimously.

-Minutes: Lori Moodie- September minutes were approved with no corrections; October minutes were adopted, as corrected.

-Financial report treasurer- Nola Brooks was absent so Sandy Dobberstein presented the report. Jane Rahn gave Sandy a bill for 2 months of envelopes.

Savings balance- \$35.25

Cash management checking (Money Market) balance- \$5,176.68

Vision checking balance- \$368.86

Balance of all accounts- \$5,580.79

-Officer reports:

Chair's Report- Doris Moore- Written report; She will be teaching at an NEA trip

Secretary- Lori Moodie- Remember to print minutes and agenda or have them on your phone or other device at the meeting (if possible); Check newsletters for all meetings, events and other important information. Friends are encouraged to attend our meetings/ events. The more the merrier.

Vice Chair- Clarice Thomas- She attended the NAACP program celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Dayton branch. Many presentations and awards were given. Dinner was served and a reception followed the program. See written report for further details.

Clarice is working on upcoming WOE-R programing. So, she asked us to share what our interests are for future meetings/events/locations. Our goal is to try to find locations in different parts of town since we have members all over the Miami Valley. Contact Clarice anytime you have any ideas.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach- Jane Rahn- Dayton Urban League needs tutors and will give compensation.

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik- She discussed the WEP/GPO offset (This affects many retired teachers because teachers who have a pension and Social Security lose part of their Social Security. I'm sure many of you have been directly affected by this. Repealing this has passed in the Federal House, but not the Senate yet (at the time of this meeting). Contact Sherrod Brown and JD Vance to express your opinion and concern about this law.

Dawn discussed in depth the NEA reaction to the Trump's nomination of the Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education. She gave us all a paper to explain the details. Feel free to ask Dawn if you did not receive the information.

Dawn stated the if we continue to not stand up about issues that affect educators, we will see things we haven't seen in a century.

Mailing- Willie Terrell- mailing; Thanks to Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn for mailing out 70 newsletters. None of them have come back so far. That's quite an accomplishment.

Membership- Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn- They passed around cards to sign for Pat Lynch and Mary Binegar. Inform them if you have any email changes. The WOEa-R website is WOEA.org

Sunshine- Debbie Owens- She sent cards. Also, the June minutes can't be found. So if anyone can find it please let Lori and Debbie know.

WOEA Leadership Councils:

Happy Trails- Doris Moore- no meetings since the beginning of the school year. Oea RA- We will have delegates that will be attending (Willie Terrell was elected; Doris Moore and Clarice are also attending since they were called up as alternates).

2 Far West- Nola Brooks- absent (No report)

Grand Old River- Annette Johnson- absent (No report)

Western- Doris Moore/ Delores Rome Hudson- no report

Unfinished Business- none

New Business- Fall forum tonight at 4:30.

OEA- RA- Delegates will receive meal reimbursement, up to the rates in the documentation they received.

Announcements:

-December WOEa-R meeting will be at the downtown Dayton library. Park in the garage. Take the elevator to the first floor, and then walk across the library to the next set of elevators and take to room 3A. This will be a fun event where we will share holiday or winter traditions. We will share holiday/winter treats if you choose to bring snacks or other foods to share. Also, bring your lunch and drink from anywhere that you choose, if you wish. We will also have a game day at the meeting. You may bring a holiday/winter/any other game if you choose. We'll sit around at different tables playing a game of your choice. This will be fun and a great way to get to know each other better. Feel free to wear holiday/winter clothes, if you would like.

January and February- No meetings. Enjoy staying in the warmth of your home or whatever you find relaxing.

March meeting- 11:00 at Golden Corral Buffet at 6611 Miller Ln. (pay one flat price and enjoy anything you want from the buffet. Since it's all

you can eat, stay as long as you choose if you wish to eat more after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- 12:45

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Moodie

WOEA-R Secretary