

WOEA-R Minutes

4/17/25

MCL Cafeteria; Kettering, Ohio

Those in attendance: Esther Alspaugh, Nola Brooks, Emmy Brudzynski, Joyce Coney-Lacey, Sandy Dobberstein, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Willie Terrell, Clarice Thomas, Joni Watson,

Guest: Pastor Bill Moore, Dean Marcioras (City of Xena), Marsha Bayless

Call to Order: 11:52

Meeting was at MCL Cafeteria in Kettering

Introduction of Speaker: Clarice Thomas

Speaker: Officer Dean Maricioas from Xenia

Topic: Self-Defense: Know the Law

Some items he discussed: Look around, watch, register; Be aware of exits when in public. Make eye contact. Be aware in general. Don't try instead of being submissive; fight. You can use deadly force if someone comes into your house. If there is no danger of someone going after you, you can't go chase the person just to get him. If someone grabs you, you can hit him where it counts. Other good places to hit that are vulnerable are: inside and outside of their legs, on top of arms, head butt someone in the nose, eyes, punch someone's throat, tear someone's ear off. Scream fire or help because that gets people's attention. Keys between your fingers and use them on the person. Tuck your chin so they can't get to your throat. Carry pepper spray- it really hurts. Tazer (civilian kind) and get trained so you don't miss. Coldsteel.com has a marker pen for striking (Sharky pen). It looks like a pen, but it's more. Don't fight over property.

Officer Dean offered other kinds of training that he can do for our group.

Lunch and Socialization

Business Meeting began at 12:50pm.

Minutes: Secretary Lori Moodie

March minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda was approved unanimously.

Officer's Reports:

Chair's Report- Doris Moore

Attended Western Uniserve Council - March 19, Attended Professional Efficacy Committee via Zoom, Attended Human and Civil Rights Meeting via Zoom on March 13, Attended DLAMC meeting via Zoom, April 6, Annual Session, Attended WOEAB Board of Directors Meeting Mar 17

Secretary's Report- Lori Moodie

Make sure you either print out the minutes and agenda for each meeting or have it accessible on your phone or other device. Please let me know if your email or phone number has changed. If you or a friend are not getting my emails, please text me as soon as possible, so I can make sure I have your correct information. I don't want anyone to miss out. Feel free to invite others to come with you each month for our meetings.

Vice Chair Report- Clarice Thomas

TJ Chumps will be our meeting place in May. There will be a speaker who has an autistic child. June-Chins on Miller Ln. Sept. will be on Byers Rd. in Miamisburg. Let Clarice know if you have any ideas for meeting topics and/or restaurants.

Treasurer- Nola Brooks (Sandy Dobberstein filed for audit)

Financial Report

This is from the last meeting:

Savings account- \$30.25 (dues from a couple of new members)

Money Market- \$5,164.71

Business account- \$378.86

Past Chair Report- Phil Long (not in attendance) (sent a written report); So far, Lori Moodie has submitted her intention to run for Secretary. Nominations were made for each of our current slate of officers (Doris, Clarice, Lori, Nola).

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach-Jane Rahn; Bring items for Artemis.

Mailing- Willie Terrel -.5/1- Newsletter mailing went out.

Membership- Emmy Brudzynski/Jane Rahn – They got a couple emails of new retirees. Jane bought new labels.

Sunshine Committee- Debbie Owens; Let Debbie, Lori or Doris know if you or any members have any need for some "sunshine cheer".

NAACP- Willie Terrel -Willie encourages us to become involved. Willie wants to get at least 1 member a month for NAACP.

OEA-R Advisory Council- Joni Watson- The pre-retired workshop was 4/29/25 at Wayne High School. It was for those who have retired within the last 4 years or thinking about retiring. 4/30 was an immigration seminar. ICE is very active right now, especially on Wilmington Ave. and Bellbrook. The police are working on it. OEA-R did a lot for Read Across America. Watch STRS meeting each month to keep up to date with your pension system

Elections- Phil Long (not in attendance/written report) Election at May 21 meeting. Phil has resigned his position. If anyone is interested in being the elections chair, notify the officers.

WOEA Leadership Councils:

-Miami Valley A&B- Joni Watson- Got a grant for WOE-R for the pre-retirement workshop.

-Greene County- Joni Watson

-Happy Trails- Doris Moore- College benefit up to 50% off. OEA has wellness grants.

-Too Far West- Nola Brooks- Meets in May

-Grand Old River- Phil Long (not in attendance)

-Grand Lake- Phil Long (not in attendance)

-Western- Doris Moore/Deloris Rome Hudson- no report

Milton Union-

Trotwood-

WOEA Committee Reports:

Collective Bargaining- Lori Moodie – no report

Organizing Strategy- Phil Long- (not in attendance)

DLAMC- Doris Moore- no report

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik- (not in attendance) (written report)- Senate Bill 1 in addition to stopping DEI efforts in Ohio Schools also stripped Higher Education Employees of their collective bargaining rights. An article about this topic tells of OEA getting the ball rolling to restore those rights. Dawn hopes all leaders of WOE R will lead in these efforts. If the Ohio Legislature and Governor can take away the collective bargaining rights of professors, it's just a matter of time until they legislate away our collective bargaining rights. Together we can.

Human and Civil Rights-There are several organizations working to protect civil rights. Check out their social media websites (indivisible.org, ACLU- <https://WWW.aclu.org/>, NEA (nea.org/nea today, OEA-ohiodems.org/, NAACP-naacpdayton.org/

-Racial and Social Justice Committee- Doris said their book club has been very successful and worth attending. She invited all of us. You don't have to read the books to be involved in the powerful discussions.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Jane gave a bill to Nola for labels and envelopes of \$57.38. Sandy wrote a check for it. This was within the dollar amount of \$150, so it doesn't have to be approved.

OEA-R sent out an email that we should have received about a new paid Ambassador program.

Announcements For the Good of the Order:

STRS Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please attend if you can, so you can get info about what is going on with your pension.

Next meeting- May 21, 2025 at TJ Chumps in Huber Heights at 11:00.

Adjourn: 1:05