

Williamson County Illinois Retired Teachers Association
Monday, October 17, 2016, St. Paul Center, Johnston City, IL.

President Bob Campbell welcomed all present and invited them to enjoy the pies, baked by Keith Kern of Marion. The meeting began around 1:30 P.M. There were about 50 present.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee made up of Past Presidents Jim DeYoung, John Harland, and Bob Campbell, recommended the following slate of officers to the membership:

President -- Kent Carrell
Vice-President -- Bert Gordon
Secretary -- Betsy Murphy
Treasurer -- Don Kragness

Bob Campbell asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, John Harland called for nominations to be closed. John Harland made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion was seconded. Bob Campbell asked all in favor say "Aye"; any opposed vote "Naye". Hearing only "Aye" voice votes, motion carried. Officers for the new term begin January 1, 2017. The remaining Board of Directors is appointed by the Executive Board:

Legislative -- Anna Morris	Finance -- Tom Oates
Membership -- Steve Maxwell	Newsletter -- Patricia Koontz
Member Benefits -- Marge Mangan	Foundation Board Member - Judi Harland
Information Services -- Loren Taylor	ROE21 Superintendent -- Matt Donkin

State Senator Gary Forby spoke to the group encouraging all to vote on November 8. He thanked us for allowing him to speak and he left.

The speaker for the meeting was Ed Wollet. He is the Chair of the IRTA Legislative Committee. He spoke about the Political Action Committee. Contributions to IRTAPAC are used to enhance political awareness of IRTA members and increase their contacts with elected officials and candidates. PAC is different from a **legal defense fund**. IRTAPAC board uses its funds to support candidates who will defend and protect pensions. He ended his presentation by encouraging retired teachers to sign up for IRTAPAC at \$1.00 per month deduction program. The monthly donation of \$1.00 is so important in helping support IRTA's efforts to defend retired educators'

pensions and healthcare benefits. Ed reported that there is no new legislation as of this date.

Cards of appreciation were presented to Mary Lou Gander and Bob Campbell for their dedication to the Williamson County Illinois Retired Teachers Association as they leave the Board of Directors after many years of service.

The meeting adjourned at about 2:30 P.M.

Marge Mangan, Secretary