Williamson County Illinois Retired Teachers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Marion, Illinois

June 20, 2019

**I. Roll Call:** President Bert Gordan called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm on June 20, 2019. Present: , Tom Oates, Loren Taylor, Steve Maxwell, and John Harland, Bob Campbell.

Absent: Betsy Murphy, Kent Carrell, Don Kragness, Ed Tresnak, Judi Harland.

**II.** **Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report:** A motion was made by John Harland and seconded by Tom Oates to accept the Minutes of the April 4, 2019 WCIRTA Board Meeting and the May 7, 2019 WCIRTA General Membership Meeting. Motion carried. In the absence of the treasurer, a current report was not given. Previous treasurer report provided an ending balance of $3,424.73 and was approved at the previous board meeting.

**III. Old Business:**

1. Review of May 7, 2019 Membership Meeting

1. Twenty-two members attended the General Membership Meeting at Mackie’s Restaurant.

2. Twelve of 22 new retirees attended the new retiree dinner at Mackie’s on April 23, 2019 at a cost of $264.

3. It was suggested that communication be increased so as to encourage better attendance at the General Membership Meetings through:

a. increased email contact

b. publishing meeting dates in Marion Star and other publications

1. Potential candidates for the WCIRTA Vice President Position: there were no suggestions to fill this vacant position. Board members are encouraged to consider individuals and provide suggestions to the board.

**IV. Reports of Standing Committee Chairs:**

1. Legislative: John Harland reported that Gov. Pritzker has reinstated $857,000,000 in TRS monies. The state is behind $9 billion in payments. It was noted that the pubic needs information on the prior pension battle and the recent raises given to lawmakers. There is current legislation to fund fire and police pensions at 100%. COLA continues to be a topic of discussion. Primary issue is the failure of Illinois legislation to correct the pension problems.
2. Membership: Steve Maxwell reported there are 4 new members (Zola Van, Karen Irwin, Rosina Bonifield, Rebecca Curry). Several changes in members’ addresses, emails, and paid status have been noted. An updated list of members’ emails will be sent to Sandy at the ROE office. Newsletters will continue to be mailed to members without emails. Other information from IRTA was shared with board members.
3. Member Benefits: Bob Campbell suggested attaching 2-3 of Member Benefits information to the current newsletter. Also suggested was giving incentives, such as a drawing/door prize and noted in the newsletter for the purpose of encouraging better attendance at membership meetings.
4. Finance: Tom Oates discussed the required annual audit of the WCIRTA account. This will be completed and included in the WCIRTA Board Meeting Minutes. He reminded that the Federal Form 990N needs to be filed.
5. Information Services: Loren Taylor continues to follow up on information received quarterly from the state.
6. Foundation: John Harland for Judi Harland-2 area High School students were selected to receive the scholarships. Sixty-six applications for the $750 Active Teacher Grants were received as compared to 106 received in 2018.
7. Member-at-Large: President Gordon asked if there was any other discussion that needed to be addressed. No report.

**V. New Business:**

1. Area #6 Conference, June 26, 2019, Carbondale Civic Center

1. Eight members attended the Area 6 training conference (Bert Gordon, Steve Maxwell, Loren Taylor, John and Judi Harland, Bob Campbell, Tom Oates, Betsy Murphy)

2. John Harland is seeking to be the Area 6 Director and will be nominated by Tom Oates at the state convention.

3. Bob Campbell will receive a local award at the state convention with more information to be finalized at the September board meeting.

B. Membership Meeting, August 12, 2019, Johnston City, St. Paul’s Family Life Center

1. Program suggestions: Representative from the HUB, TRS Representative, Ameren/Energy

Information, or JALC rep.

2. Pies will be arranged by Marge Mangan from Andresen’s Café in Johnston City.

3. Set-up for the meeting will be arranged by board members.

C. Newsletter deadlines for Summer Issue**:** an accurate list of members will be sent to the ROE.

1. July 22, 2019 articles to Tish Koontz

2. July 29, 2019 typed copy to ROE.

3. August 5, 2019 email and mail out to members.

D. IRTA Springfield Conference (October 14-15, 2019)

1. Eight delegates may attend.

2. Costs: Registration-$45, Meals-$29 and $21, Hotel-$127

**VI. Other Business**

A. October 17, 2019 General Membership Meeting

1. Mary’s Restaurant, Herrin, IL.

2. Several program ideas were discussed and will be finalized at the September board meeting.

**VII. Next Board Meeting**: September 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marion, IL

**VIII. Adjourn:** A motion was made by John Harland and seconded by Loren Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Recorded by Steve Maxwell and submitted by

Betsy Murphy, Secretary

**ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES**

President Gordon confirmed Officer Brain Murrah as the speaker for the August 12, 2019 General Membership Meeting at St. Paul’s Family Life Center in Johnston City.