

Williamson County Illinois Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Marion, Illinois June 22, 2017

I. Roll Call: President Kent Carrell called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm on June 22, 2017. Present: Bob Campbell, Steve Maxwell, Tom Oates, John Harland, Judi Harland, Betsy Murphy, Bert Gordon.

Absent: Don Kragness, Loren Taylor, Marge Mangan, and Anna Morris.

II. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by John Harland and seconded by Steve Maxwell to accept the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 WCIRTA General Membership Meeting. Motion carried. No treasurer's report was made.

III. Plans for Membership Meeting:

- A. WCIRTA General Membership Meeting is planned for August 14, 2017. at 1:30 pm at St. Paul's Parish Center in Johnston City.
- B. Contact will be made by Marge Mangan to reserve the building for the meeting.
- C. Program suggestions:
 - a. Mary Shaw, Director of Governmental Affairs Lobbyist for IRTA with State Legislature
 - b. Nathan Mihelich. IRTA Director of Membership and Marketing

After some discussion, it was decided that Bob Campbell will contact Mary Shaw to check on her availability to present at this General Membership Meeting.

Addendum to the minutes: Marge Mangan confirmed on 7/9/17 St. Paul's Parish Center in Johnston City is reserved for the August 14th General Membership Meeting.

IV. Reports from Standing Committee Chairs:

- A. Legislation: Anna Morris sent the following updates:
 - 1. SB 2214 proposes a 1/3 decrease in TRIP payments with the implication that financial support for TRIP will be phased out in 3 years.
 - 2. Contact the legislators through Voter Voice.
- B. Membership: Steve Maxwell reported that four new members have joined WCIRTA. A list of retirees, current members and non-members was provided for review. There are approximately 225 individuals receiving TRS benefits who reside in the county but are not current IRTA members. Information from the State Membership Meeting held April 5, 2017 was shared.
- C. Member Benefits: Marge Mangan-no report at this time
- D. Finance: Tom Oates -no report at this time.
- E. Information Services: Loren Taylor-no report at this time.
- F. Foundation: Judi Harland provided the following updates:
 - 1. Reminder to contribute to the foundation fundraiser.
 - 2. \$104,550 in scholarships, grants and assistance benefits were distributed.
 - 3. Received 100-200 grant requests from current teachers. Currently discussing how to facilitate reading the grant requests.

VI. Other Business:

- A. Regional Director Report: John Harland reported:

1. The budget battle continues with no one seemingly interested in resolving the budget issues.
 2. There is an attempt to remove funding for TRIP.
 3. Lobbyists report that the only way to get a budget will be when the state cannot issue bonds.
 4. Bill Funkhouser, Area 6 Representative is currently running for Vice President of IRTA with the election to take place at the October Convention.
- B. Convention:
1. IRTA Convention is scheduled for October 30-31, 2017 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois
 2. WCIRTA is allowed to send 8 delegates. Those possibly attending are: Kent Carrell, Bob Campbell, Steve Maxwell, Tom Oates, Marge Mangan, Anna Morris, Mary Lou Gander, Don Kragness, or Judi Harland. John Harland will attend as the Regional Director. Contact will be made to confirm their attendance.
 3. Registration and convention costs are covered for the delegates by the chapter.
 4. The president will reserve 6 rooms and send in the registration forms.
- C. Discussion regarding the small number of attendees at the May 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting and possible reasons.
1. Newsletter went out 2 ½ weeks prior to meeting and members forgot about the meeting.
 2. Discussed sending a reminder email 2-3 days prior to the meeting and to delay the initial mailing to a week prior to the meeting.
- D. Newsletter Deadlines
- July 14, 2017 for articles to Tish Koontz
 - July 21, 2017 typed copy to ROE
 - July 28, 2017 email to members and August 4, 2017 mail out to members
 - The week of August 7th an email blast will go out reminding members of the General Membership meeting.

Motion was made by Steve Maxwell and seconded by Bob Campbell to provide reimbursement for the postage for mailing out the newsletters. Motion carried.

VII. Next Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting: September 14, 2017 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marion, IL

VIII. Adjourn: A motion was made by John Harland and seconded by Steve Maxwell to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy, Secretary