

Williamson County Illinois Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Marion, Illinois January 5, 2017

I. Roll Call: President Kent Carrell called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm on January 5, 2017. Present: Steve Maxwell, Tom Oates, John Harland, Judi Harland, Betsy Murphy, Don Kragness, Loren Taylor, and Bert Gordon. Absent: Anna Morris, Bob Campbell, and Marge Mangan.

II. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Reports: A motion was made by Steve Maxwell and seconded by Loren Taylor to accept the Minutes of the December 7, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried. Treasurer Don Kragness reported no activity since the last board meeting. Audit Committee (Tom Oates, Loren Taylor, and John Harland) met and reviewed the treasurer reports. The following report was submitted:

The audit was conducted by the WCIRTA Audit Committee in accordance with commonly accepted accounting practices. On January 4, 2017 the Audit Committee carefully reviewed the financial records maintained by WCIRTA Treasurer Don Kragness. The committee found that no irregularities had occurred during the audited period (January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016) and the management of funds by the treasurer had been done in proper order. The Audit Committee recommends acceptance of this report and commends the treasurer for properly maintaining the funds of WCIRTA.

A motion was made by Bert Gordon and seconded by Steve Maxwell to accept the Audit Report as recommended by the WCIRTA Audit Committee and submitted January 5, 2017. Motion carried.

III. Plans for next Membership Meeting on February 17, 2017: President Carrell reported that the legislators are not available to attend the Membership Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2017. Alternative date of March 3, 2017 was tentatively set pending availability of the legislators. Meeting will still be held at the Crab Orchard Golf Club.

Addendum to the minutes regarding next Membership Meeting: President Carrell communicated via email on January 10, 2017 that the legislators (Severin and Fowler) were available and confirmed to attend the March 3, 2017 WCIRTA General Membership Meeting at the Crab Orchard Golf Club.

IV. Reports of Standing Committee Chairs:

- A.** Legislation: Anna Morris-no report due to absence of chair. There was some discussion as to the need for the new legislators to hear the organization's areas of concern especially regarding health insurance.
- B.** Membership: Steve Maxwell reported receiving updated minutes and membership lists from IRTA. He noted several members of IRTA that have not paid local dues. He provided the group with updated membership lists. The WCIRTA website is being updated with board and meeting information.
- C.** Member Benefits: Marge Mangan-sent word that she was reviewing health insurance and long term care insurance information and would have it available for the General Membership Meeting.
- D.** Finance: Tom Oates-no additional report.
- E.** Information Services: Loren Taylor reported that he is reviewing current information from the state for the newsletter.
- F.** Foundation: Judi Harland reported that scholarship information will be made available in the newsletter.

V. Other Business:

- A.** Program Speaker Possibilities for 2017: the following suggestions for speakers were considered: SIH Cancer Institute, Ella York, State's Attorney's Office, Randy Dunn or Brad Colwell-SIU, TRS Representatives, Local Legislators, Tiffany Sievers-SI Elder Law. The following speakers are being considered pending availability:
- March-Local Legislators
 - May-Ella York, State's Attorney's Office
 - August-TRS Representatives
 - October-Tiffany Sievers, SI Elder Law
- B.** Person interested in being on Board at Herrin meeting-Sharon Helleny's name was brought up as possibly being interested in being a Director-at-Large. Betsy Murphy will contact her to see if she is interested.
- C.** Discuss Lifetime Dues: Pros and cons of setting up an option for Lifetime Dues were discussed. Items considered involved accounting procedures and operating budget impact, a possible graduated fee, and raising the dues. Since raising the dues would require a bylaw change, this needs to be addressed at the General Membership Meeting. A motion was made by Steve Maxwell and seconded by Don Kragness to put a discussion raising WCIRTA dues to \$10 on the agenda at the next General Membership Meeting. Motion carried. A rationale will be prepared to present to the membership regarding the need for the increase highlighting WCIRTA's high level of activity at the state level, cost to attend state conferences and meetings, and available scholarship opportunities.
- D.** Discuss dropping people from membership: In an effort to create a more accurate membership list, dropping individuals who have not paid local dues was discussed. Pros and cons of amending the membership list were discussed. Creating an active and inactive component to the list was suggested. Any action regarding this item was tabled at this time.

Amendment to the Newsletter Dates per President Carrell: the following deadlines for submissions for the newsletter were amended following the board meeting via email on January 10, 2017:

January 27, 2017-- articles to Tish Koontz

February 3, 2017-- typed copy to ROE

February 17, 2017--to email and mail out to members

VI. Next Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting: April 6, 2017 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marion, IL

Next Membership Meeting: March 3, 2017 at Crab Orchard Golf Club, Carterville, IL

Tom Oates brought up obtaining a list of 2017 retirees' names and addresses from the school districts in order to invite them to the April New Retiree Meeting. The following contacts will be made: Tom Oates—Herrin CUSD #4, Anna Morris—Carterville CUSD #5, Marge Mangan—CO CUSD #3, Bert Gordon—JC CUSD #1, John Harland—Marion CUSD #2, Betsy Murphy-WCES. Packets will be made for the retirees. President Carrell has the information from Bob Campbell for the packets.

VII. Adjourn: A motion was made by John Harland and seconded by Don Kragness to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy, Secretary