

WOEA-R MINUTES

April 19, 2023

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Emmy Brudzynski, Jo Fehl, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Karen Shires, Dawn Wojcik

NEXT MEETING- May 17, 2023 at 11:00 (WOEA Office, 308 James Bohannon Dr. Vandalia)
Bring own food.

SPEAKER: Kristina Elliot/STRS

CALL TO ORDER: 11:40 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS ADOPTED: Dawn Wojcik (with flexibility)

WELCOME: Doris Moore

READING OF THE MINUTES: Lori Moodie
Approved and adopted March 15, 2023, minutes

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sandy Dobberstein- Absent/No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Doris Moore

-WOEA- Turn in an application if you are interested in joining a committee.

-4/19/23- Fall Forum at the Presidential Banquet Center

Vice President Report: Karen Shires

She announced her official resignation, effective immediately.

Secretary Report: Lori Moodie

Discussion about how there are many old members on our roles who do not have current emails.

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Dobberstein- Absent/No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter Editor- Wayne Wolodarski- Absent/No report

Mailing- Willie Terrell, Jr.- Absent/No report

Membership- Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski- No report

-Membership forms are on the WOEa website.

Sunshine- Debbie Owens- No report

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik

3 toxic bills about fair school plan, vouchers, discussed upcoming STRS election

NAACP- Willie Terell- Absent/No report

Advisory Council- Joni Watson- Absent-No report

Facebook/web- Debbie Owens- Absent-No report

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Read Across America- Val Roldan- Absent-No report

WOEA COMMITTEES:

a. Collective Bargaining- Jane Rahn/Lori Moodie- No report (no meetings have been held)

b. Local Development and Training- Jane Rahn- Absent-No report

c. Professional Efficacy- Val Roldan- Absent-No report

d. Human Rights- Doris Moore- No report

e. Organizing Strategy- Phil Long- Absent-No report

f. DLAMC- Doris Moore- Absent-No report

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WOEA UNISERV COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Far West, Miami A&B, Western- Sandy Dobberstein- Absent/ No report

2. Grand Lakes, Too Far West, Grand Old-River- Phil Long- Absent-No report

3. Greene Co. Happy Trails- Jane Rahn- Absent-No report

4. Happy Trails- Doris Moore- Absent-No report

5. Miami Valley B- Joni Watson- Absent-No report

6. 2 Far West- Joni Watson- Absent-No report

7. Grand Old River- Joni Watson- Absent-No report

8. Miami Valley A- Joni Watson- Absent-No report

Note: Joni Watson will serve for #5- #8 until others volunteer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Shires introduced the speaker

Speaker: Kristina Elliot from STRS discussed 3 points to cover:

1. Facts about STRS

2. Highlighted information from the financial report

3. Feeling secure about your system. Some info has been created by some that is creating fear about the system. Keep informed. Learn all you can about your retirement system.

This is very important.

Kristina encouraged questions about STRS.

She presented some facts:

Healthcare- \$400 million per year is spent just for retirees.

Oldest person in STRS- 110 years old

209 members of STRS are above 100 years old.

Educators live longer than other professions- probably due to resiliency.

65 years is the longest that anyone has received benefits. This was someone who went on disability in her 20's.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

NEXT MEETING- WOE-R decided to meet at the WOE-R office for the May 17 meeting at 11:00. Bring food.

Invite others to WOE-R- Word of mouth grows our membership.

ADJOURNMENT- 12:55

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lori Moodie
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