

WOEA-R MINUTES

March 15, 2023

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Emmy Brudzynski, Joyce Fisher, Phil Long, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Karen Shires, Willie Terrel, Joni Watson, Dawn Wojcik

NEXT MEETING- April 19, 2023 (Place TBD)

SPEAKER: None

CALL TO ORDER: 11:35am

ORDER OF BUSINESS ADOPTED: Dawn Wojcik (with flexibility)

WELCOME: Doris Moore

READING OF THE MINUTES: Lori Moodie

Motion to accept December, 2022 minutes- no corrections

Dawn Wojcik (first) and Phil Long (second)

Approved and adopted December, 2023 minutes

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sandy Dobberstein- Absent/No report

OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Doris Moore

-DLAMC- no report; A lot of members ran for this election

-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

-Ohio Retired Americans meeting- Karen can't attend, so Joni Watson will go instead.

Secretary Report: Lori Moodie

Discussion: Clarification was made about who will send out emails for WOE-R, going forward.

It was discussed that this job will become the job of the WOE-R secretary, Lori Moodie.

Membership committee leaders, Emmy and Jane, will be in charge of sending new members/updated membership lists to the secretary.

Emails will be sent as blind emails

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter Editor- Wayne Wolodarski- Absent/No report

Mailing- Willie Terrell, Jr.- No report

Membership- Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski; \$10 per year or \$100 for life

-They will start giving the secretary updated membership lists.

-Membership forms are on the WOEa website.

Sunshine- Debbie Owens- Send an email to her if you know of anyone who needs some "sunshine" (card, etc)

Legislative- Dawn Wojcik stated that the Ohio Legislature is trying to destroy public education.

STRS- Online training- Contact Dawn ohea.org

We need STRS, so that we have a pension.

Phil- Said to follow that state Board of Education. He stated that some are making it hard for public education.

NAACP- Willie Terrell and Doris Moore- Willie reminded the members that WOEa-R is a member of the NAACP. If anyone wants to individually sign up for membership, they can get an application form from Willie. NAACP supports children. Willie stated that that they are trying to change the ID rules, so you have to have an ID to vote. The NAACP meetings are on the 4th Monday at Grace Methodist Church at 6:00. It's located at 915 Salem in their new office.

Advisory Council- Joni Watson- Membership forms are on the WOEa website.

Facebook/web- Debbie Owens- Check out woea-r.oea.us

Read Across America- Val Roldan- Things have changed because of Covid. We used to have to go outside of WOEa to get readers. Since Covid, anyone can go to the OEA page and see recordings of us reading. Now we can choose to record ourselves or read at the schools. They aren't donating books to schools, since we aren't reading there, but teachers can get a donated book at the April WOEa RA. Karen Shires, Joni Watson and Phil Long did a recording. We have readers to have one for every day in March. All 10 districts are represented. Kent State students are doing a Read Across America activity and asked OEA-R for support. A QR code will get you into the Read Across America library.

A book was discussed called "The Diary of a Drifter"- Written by a homeless person. They said it is an excellent book.

Another book, called "Teach" by Michael Unger, a DPS teacher. It is about a lot of people in the book who are known by DPS teachers. Many are about Michael's former students. Jane Rahn was selling the book at our meeting for \$25. The money goes to the Yolanda Unger scholarship fund at Stivers School for the Arts.

WOEA COMMITTEES:

a. Collective Bargaining- Jane Rahn/Lori Moodie- The new leader is Nola Brooks.

b. Local Development and Training- Jane Rahn and Lori Moodie- Phil Long said they are working on a pre-retirement workshop.

c. Professional Efficacy- Val Roldan- No report

d. Human Rights- Doris Moore- No report

e. Organizing Strategy- Phil Long- No report

f. DLAMC- Doris Moore- Meeting was on Saturday, but poorly attended, due to a link from the email not going out.

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- Teachers all look tired because they are dealing with so much now. OEA-R is working on helping active teachers. There has been a lot of violent behavior, lack of support from the administration, etc. The biggest issue is that teachers are leaving. There are or will be 170 openings in DPS. Val is going to the meeting today.
3. Greene Co. Happy Trails- Jane Rahn- No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

-All WOE-R attendees introduced themselves today since there was a new member with us. - Welcome to our new member Joyce Fisher. She retired this past year from the Washington Township library.

*The STRS election was mentioned during our meeting. The STRS Ohio members will receive their ballots and voting information in April; they will have **through May 1** to cast their vote.

**Make your voice be heard by voting in this very important election.

Discussion about WOE-R meeting places: Dawn Wojcik mentioned that restaurants are not good for holding meetings because we're old and deaf. She suggested various places that are quieter. Places like libraries were discussed. Val Roldan said that we can use the WOE-R office for meetings if we want.

Discussion comparing ideas from WOE-R vs. Greene County ORTA group. Karen Shires said Greene County meetings are very different than ours. She said they do more service projects. They log their service hours. It was mentioned that we can work on ideas to fit our group. Val said that we can use the WOE-R office for meetings if we want.

Phil asked what's happening with Artemis? He said we need to figure out who will run this, since Marj Hunter has not been back, since before the pandemic.

DEA- R finally started meeting for the first time since before the pandemic. They have decided to just meet and have fellowship instead of having speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

NEXT MEETING- WOE-R decided to meet at a library for the April meeting. Karen will research libraries. TBD

May 17 will be at the WOE-R office at 11:00.

WOEA-R members will be leaving this meeting and going straight over to Crayons to Classrooms for a tour. Retired teachers who choose to volunteer there can get a free shopping trip for an active teacher.

Invite others- Word of mouth grows our membership.

ADJOURNMENT- 12:35

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Moodie**

Additional Note:

WOEA-R members,

Vice President Karen Shires notified me on Thursday, 4/13/23, that our April WOE-R meeting will be held at 11:30am at the Dayton Metro Library Branch at 21 Watervliet Ave in Dayton (Note the time change).

Since we are at the library, please pack your lunch, or pick up something on your way. Our guest speaker will be Tamala Cole from STRS. It is a small library, with a parking lot in front.

I look forward to seeing you then. Please respond to inform us if you will or will not be there, so we will know how many people to expect for the meeting.

Take care,

Lori Moodie
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