

## **LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association Meeting**

Regular meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018, 9:00am  
Festivities Unlimited in Ottawa, Illinois

The LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association under the leadership of our president, Jackie Sapienza, held their spring 2018 general meeting at Festivities Unlimited in Ottawa, Illinois. We thank the LaSalle/Putnam County Regional Office of Education for providing the morning doughnuts.

Wanda Lent led us for the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America.

President Jackie Sapienza then called the business meeting to order and offered some introductory remarks.

Recording Secretary Wanda Lent reviewed the prior meeting minutes.

Former Treasurer Jan Kaufman presented the current treasurer's report.

Membership Committee chairperson Mary Jo Farrell updated us on some particulars of our current membership of 458 members.

Foundation Committee chairperson Deb Torri informed us about current foundation matters and read the names of recently deceased LSCRTA members followed by a moment of silence.

LSCRTA webmaster Conrad Spirrison announced that Janie Hoffmann will be in training to assist in the development and maintenance of our website [www.LSCRTA.org](http://www.LSCRTA.org).

Our new Special Projects Committee chairperson Mary Trovero explained our new initiative to bring baskets to LaSalle County schools to enhance awareness of our organization.

Vice President Alice Joop provided us with information about the Little School House on display in which books could be donated when it is placed at the Dickenson House in Oglesby.

Chris Dvorak, Regional Superintendent of Schools, updated on current changes of interest to retired educators.

Matthew Winchester, Assistant Regional Superintendent, then spoke to us about school safety. IRTA Region 7 Director Navana Ahrends brought us up-to-date on Region 7 activities including the May 17<sup>th</sup> IRTA Area 1 Conference at IVCC.

After a short break, AMBA benefits representative Nancy Kramer brought us up-to-date with the various insurance and other benefits available to our members.

Charlie Chrisman, IRTA Membership and Recruitment Specialist, then informed us about many of the positive initiatives and programs provided by the IRTA.

The 50/50 drawing and other prizes were raffled off by Jackie Sapienza and Sophia Spirrison.

Sue Yopchick won the 50/50 prize

Jane Narczewski won prize #1,

Linda Roberts won prize #2 and

Mary Trovero won prize #3

Jackie Sapienza then provided concluding remarks and thanked everyone for their attendance at this 2018 spring general membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted by -

Dr. Conrad Spirrison, LSCRTA Public Relations Chairman