

LaSalle County Retired Teachers' Association Meeting

Regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020, 9:00am
Sunfields Restaurant in Ottawa, Illinois

The LaSalle County Retired Teachers' Association held their winter general membership mini-meeting at Sunfields Restaurant in Ottawa, IL.

Jackie Sapienza, LSCRTA President, called the meeting to order and offered some introductory remarks.

A delicious breakfast was then served and enjoyed by us all.

Mary Jo Farrell, our Membership committee chairperson, spoke about LSCRTA membership which is now at 427.

Deb Torri, our IRTA Foundation committee chairperson, updated us on foundation activities and grants.

Jackie Sapienza spoke of the importance and needs for the IRTA Legal Defense Fund, announced the filling of our LSCRTA secretarial position by Trudy Forkner and declared an opening for chairing our Benefits Committee. Jackie continued with the reading of two letters showing the appreciation for our Bucks for Books program, one from Kimes School in Streator and one from LaSalle Peru High School. She followed this with the announcement of our new Sunshine Committee members Mary Jo Gilman, Jan Hauger and Maria Durden.

Chris Benson alerted us to the Reading Councils event at IVCC on March 14, 2020 with some authors present and books for sale.

Lynn Sheedy of the Peru Public Library spoke to us about their exciting Reading Buddies program.

Alice Joop introduced our guest speaker Steve Stout who initially spoke of the Cherry Mine Disaster but then went into a lengthy, detailed and passionate retelling of the murder of three women known as the Starved Rock Murders.

Jackie Sapienza then provided concluding remarks and thanked everyone for their attendance at this winter mini-meeting.

Our next full general meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2020 at Dickenson House in Oglesby, IL beginning at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by -Dr. Conrad Spirrison, LSCRTA Public Relations Chair