

LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association Meeting

Regular meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018, 9:00am
Festivities Unlimited in Ottawa, Illinois

The LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association under the leadership of our president, Jackie Sapienza, held their fall 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 and announcing the newly open position of Recording Secretary.

Recording Secretary Wanda Lent reviewed the prior meeting minutes. She was then honored as she is retiring from the position of Recording Secretary after 25 years of service and was given a lovely potted plant.

Treasurer Cheryl Templeton presented the current treasurer's report.

Membership Committee chairperson Mary Jo Farrell updated us on our membership.

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.

ROE #35 Assistant Superintendent Matt Winchester then provided useful information regarding current practices relative to retired educators.

Norma Hedges, IRTA PAC Region 7 Representative spoke about PAC and alerted us to the need for volunteers in our community.

JoAnn Nelson IRTA Area 1 Representative then updated us on new legislation regarding health insurance.

The Bucks for Books schools receiving \$100 from LSCRTA for their libraries are: Dimmick Grade School, Serena Grade School, Jefferson School in Ottawa, Lincoln School in LaSalle, Rutland School and Allen Otter Creek School.

Following a brief break, LaSalle County Sheriff Tom Templeton informed us about some of the more common scams that are being used to swindle us and what we might be able to do to prevent being defrauded.

John Flaherty, IRTA Vice President, reviewed the current status of health and pension benefits for our members. He also provided a historical background with dates as to when various features were established.

The 50/50 drawing and other prizes were then raffled off. Pauline Cashman won the 50/50 prize of \$69. Tom Rice won the fall candle door prize.

Jackie Sapienza then provided concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by -

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with very much appreciated assistance from Mary Trovero.