

LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association Meeting

Regular meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017, 9:00am
Festivities Unlimited in Ottawa, Illinois

The LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association under the leadership of our president, Jackie Sapienza, held their fall 2017 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.

Treasurer Jan Kaufman presented the current treasurer's report.

Membership Committee chairperson Mary Trovero updated us on our membership of 459.

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

Nominating Committee Chairperson Conrad Spurrison overviewed the various LSCRТА committee chairpersons and then presented the 2018-2019 slate of officers.

President Jackie Sapienza, 1st VP Alice Joop, 2nd VP Cathy Erickson, Secretary Wanda Lent, Treasurer Jan Kaufman, and Corresponding Secretary Pauline Cashman. Following the presentation of the slate no new nominations were offered from those in attendance. The election of this new slate was by a unanimous vote.

ROE #35 Superintendent Chris Dvorak then provided useful information regarding current practices relative to retired educators.

The Bucks for Books schools receiving \$100 from LSCRТА for their libraries are: Northlawn Jr HS in Streator, Earlville HS, Centennial Elementary School in Streator, Lostant Elementary School, Mendota HS, Seneca HS and Kimes Elementary School in Streator.

Vice-President Cathy Erickson explained the upcoming program events.

IRTA Government Affairs Director Mary Shaw brought us up-to-date on education related issues in Springfield.

Following a brief break, John Flaherty, candidate for IRTA Vice President, pursued further analysis and current initiatives taking place in Illinois.

Chris Coughlin, NCI Artworks president, spoke about the upcoming Mad Hatter Ball and introduced the Mad Hatter, Greg Tulis. Greg went into further detail about the October 13th event at Celebrations 150 and then introduced guest artist, Abby Myers, who entertained us with several wonderful violin selections.

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

Deb Torri won the 50/50 prize and donated it back to Foundation and Legal Defense funds.

Other prize winners were Sue Yopchick, Donna Inman, Marcia Boroughs, Judy Ilgen, Mary Sexton, Linda Robbins and Norma Lightle.

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

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