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IEA-Retired Council

Sept. 8-9, 2011

Springfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:05 P.M.

Motion by Janet Kilgus that Barb Gilhaus be elected Sec./Treas. , **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.**

In Attendance: Chair, Jack Tucker, Sec./Treas., Barb Gilhaus, Janet Kilgus, Dottie Beeler, Linda Walcher, Ed Rosenthal, Ray Bill, Linda Stolt, Dave Bishop, and Mae Smith NEA-Retired Advisory Council Member.

Staff in Attendance: Kim Riley, Mike Lamb

Guests: Kathi Griffin, Al Llorens.

There was a **motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded by** Dottie Beeler that the minutes of the May 12-13, 2011 Council meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

IEA-Retired Staffing Needs: Mike Lamb was present to discuss the pilot program. The Council was asked if they had questions. No specific questions were asked but members relayed their support of the current program, especially the support they are getting from Kim Riley. Mike indicated that we should soon have someone available for running off items for our meeting, etc. but Kim is the "hub" and she is the person who will receive the material(s). A lot of learning has gone on. Mike indicated that we may need a lot more people to assist with the program while maintaining one go-to person. Kim has extended her work with IEA-Retired through November 1, 2011. A grant has been obtained through NEA that will allow us to use an organizer to work with the Chapters twenty hours per week, checking with them according to their needs. Linda Stolt asked that when final decisions are made that we have some type of flow chart showing who is responsible for the different jobs. Someone will be at our November meeting to explain the new staffing for IEA-Retired.

Kathi Griffin talked about the United Council and how it makes the organization more effective and meets member needs. Kathi also had some questions concerning our budget as compared to other Councils' budgets. We expressed our views as to the differences in the various Councils and budgetary needs.

Living Library Report: Janet Kilgus had a report which was distributed to the Council and she highlighted areas of importance.

Mentoring Program: Linda Walcher handed out the Mentoring report to the Council and discussed some items on the report. Outreach to Teach will be October 8 at a K-8 school near Lombard.

LMPA: Barb indicated that our Life Membership Program Agreement had been denied by NEA and a letter explaining why had been sent to IEA President Cinda Klickna. We need to re-write the proposal making the appropriate changes and re-submit it to NEA. A discussion followed. Ed Rosenthal will call someone at NEA to see what we need to do to make the proposal acceptable.

Health Insurance: We need to take the issue to the legislative committee.

Conference Committee: We reviewed the Conference summary provided by Minnie Glover.

Budget Committee: Barb Gilhaus reviewed the budget committee recommendations, prepared by JoAnn Kenner, the minutes of the budget committee meeting, the financial analysis and the proposed budget. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Linda Stolt to approve the proposed budget. **Motion carried.**

Awards: Dottie Beeler distributed samples of the 3 award brochures. Corrections were made and Kim will have the forms copied. Dottie will make a set of directions for updating future forms. The form will also be available on the web page.

Box Light: Jack distributed information from Tom Kulmacz on box light prices. Prices ranged from \$2,300 to \$30,000. **Motion** by Dottie Beeler, **seconded** by Linda Walcher that we purchase a box light using NEA Grant funds for approximately \$2,300.00. **Motion carried.**

NEA Expenses: Jack had a voucher of some expenses for the retirees at the NEA RA that he asked for payment from the Retired Council. Linda Stolt asked that he submit it to IEA for payment since it was for the retirees who were volunteering at the RA and not retired delegates.

Budget for Outreach to Teach: Janet Kilgus had written a proposal to submit to IEA to receive funding for up to 8 rooms for IEA-Retired participants in the Outreach to Teach program. The cost would be approximately \$960.00. **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus, **seconded** by Dave Bishop to submit the proposal to IEA. **Motion carried.**

Recess at 5:09 PM

Resume at 9:02 AM

Council Policies: Janet Kilgus distributed the revised policies. We reviewed the placement of the policies that were adopted at the May meeting. Janet also had a list of the participants at the Midwest Leadership Conference and at the NEA Regional Retired Conference in Santa Fe that we reviewed and amended. Barb Gilhaus and Janet Kilgus will work on a policy for the Chapter Funding Assistance Request and have it for the November meeting.

Newsletter: Dave distributed the Newsletter assignments. Deadline for sending in the articles is October 1, 2011.

Veto Session: Jack had a sample letter that he gave to the Council for their approval. The letter could be mailed to all retired members with a cover letter, distributed to Chapter President's , put online for people to access, or all of the above. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Barb Gilhaus that we send a mailing to all members that includes a cover letter regarding post card lobbying, information on how to get on the IEA-Retired communications network, and how to access the Informer online. Also included in this mailing will be 2 postcards ready to send to legislators. NEA-Retired grant funding will cover the cost of this mailing. **Motion carried.** Mailing needs to go out by October 1.

Join IEA-Retired Today Booklet: Barb Gilhaus and Janet Kilgus had gone through the booklet and made editorial changes and other revisions. Barb reviewed those changes with the Council. A discussion followed. Barb asked for other suggestions for changes before the booklet is reprinted. All suggestions must be sent to all Council members no later than September 13 with final changes going to Kim by September 15.

Fall TRS meetings: The schedule is on the TRS website. Kim will send a note to the Chapter President's alerting them to the meetings. Going to the meeting(s) to distribute IEA-Retired membership material is optional but a stipend of \$15.00 is available if they wish to attend and if they submit a voucher.

CORE Conference: We will have a table at both locations to sell retired memberships.

Motion to adjourn by Ed Rosenthal, **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn: 12:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer