

Disclaimer: The following minutes have not been presented to the Executive Committee of the Retired Council. They are not official and have not been approved by the IEA Retired Council.

IEA-Retired Council

May 12-13, 2011

Springfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Chair, Jack Tucker, Vice Chair, JoAnn Kenner, Sec./Treas., Barb Gilhaus, Janet Kilgus, Dottie Beeler, Linda Walcher, Chuck Starke, Ed Rosenthal, Ray Bill, and Dave Bishop.

Staff in Attendance: Dan Billingsly, Deniece Hopkins, Will Lovett, and Mike Lamb.

Guests: Kathi Griffin, Dick Ingram, Rich Frankenfeld, and Cinda Klickna.

There was a **motion** by Chuck Starke, **seconded** by Dottie Beeler that the minutes of the Feb. 24-25, 2011 and the April 15, 2011 Council meetings be approved. **Motion carried.**

Staff Report: None

President's Meeting: JoAnn Kenner reported on the President's meeting held prior to the Retired Conference.

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. Linda Walcher has been asked to be a coordinator for the retirees for the Out Reach to Teach Program. **Motion** by Ed Rosenthal, **seconded** by Dave Bishop to discuss funding of IEA-Retired participants' housing for Out Reach to Teach in 2012 with the incoming IEA officers. **Motion carried.**

Newsletter Assignments: Dave Bishop had prepared a handout of suggested topics and writers for the upcoming online newsletters. Deadline for the articles is June 15, 2011. Dave Bishop has talked to Mark Ritterbush and the Advocate will no longer be printed as it is now; it will only contain those items such as voting times and election notices. The retired newsletter will be done online.

Conference Committee: The Council reviewed the Conference summary provided by Lana Haines. Barb Gilhaus suggested that we not have all speakers back for next year's Conference that were

recommended. It might be best to have one or two of them next year and then have others in another year to provide more variety. The Council agreed that her suggestion had merit. Jack Tucker announced that he has contacted Lt. Governor Simon's office to be our Luncheon speaker next year.

Calendar 2011-12:

September 8-9, 2011 Council Meeting

November 3-4, 2011 Council Meeting

February 23-24, 2012 Council Meeting

March 15-17, 2012 IEA RA

April 27-28, 2012 President's Meeting, Conference

May 17-18, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion by Dave Bishop, **seconded** by Barb Gilhaus to approve the calendar. **Motion carried.**

Budget Oversight Committee: JoAnn Kenner reported that to date we have spent \$41,877.90 but we have outstanding bills from the New Mexico Conference, Oakbrook Conference, IEA RA, and the 4th Council Meeting. A budget committee meeting has been scheduled for August 24, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the home of Barb Gilhaus. Members of the committee are JoAnn Kenner, Barb Gilhaus, Ray Bill, Linda Stolt, and Nancy Peterson. Martha Bowman will be asked to serve to replace the outgoing member. If she is unable to serve, Sandra Davis will be asked to serve.

We need to work with the Director of Field Services to update the list of which UD's in each office are assigned to work with the IEA-Retired Chapter(s) in their office. **Motion** by Ed Rosenthal that the Chair be directed to ask Anthony Jefferies for an updated copy of the above list, **seconded** by Chuck Starke. **Motion carried.**

Website: Dan Billingsly talked to the Council about setting up a website using WordPress. Council members who wish to learn about WordPress may stay after the Council meeting for a brief class.

Awards: We reviewed the guidelines and applications and made changes as needed. JoAnn Kenner will give revisions to Kim Riley to have the brochures reprinted. Dottie Beeler will be the Awards Chair for 2012.

Council Policies: Janet Kilgus distributed a sheet to begin a discussion for policies concerning yearly funding for: NEA-Retired Regional Conference participants: Midwest Leadership Conference participants and NEA-Retired Annual Meeting participants. The Council made revisions to the suggestions. Janet Kilgus will add the policies to the Council Policies and send the revisions to the Council. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Chuck Starke that we adopt the revised policies. **Motion carried.**

Recess at 5:12 PM

Resume at 9:00 AM

Out Reach to Teach: There was a discussion with Kathi Griffin about the program and funding for hotel rooms. She suggested that we write a budget proposal and bring it to the budget committee. Janet Kilgus will write the proposal and have it ready for our Sept. meeting.

TRS Fall Meetings: Once the meetings are listed on the website, JoAnn Kenner will forward that information to the Chapter Presidents. The stipend of \$15.00 per site will continue. Most individuals do not request the stipend. The Chapter President may decide whether it is worthwhile to attend the meeting(s) in his/her area.

Committee Appointments: Add Nancy Darrough to the Conference Committee. The Budget and Awards committees are listed above. **Motion** to approve committee appointments by Dave Bishop **seconded** by Janet Kilgus. **Motion Carried**

Life Membership Program Agreement: Barb Gilhaus explained the program that had been submitted to IEA leadership and distributed copies of the outline of the program. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Linda Walcher to approve. **Motion carried.**

Pilot Program: Mike Lamb and Deniece Hopkins were present to discuss the pilot program. The Council is very pleased with the work that Kim Riley is doing. Mike explained that the two main ideas of the program are activism and growth. IEA is trying to make recruitment more systematic. We will be adding home email address and recruiter to the membership form.

TRS: Dick Ingram, Executive Director of TRS and Rich Frankenfeld gave a presentation which included a TRS Overview; How TRS is designed to work; Contributions and Investments; What are the real financial issues at TRS; Liabilities - Funded and Unfunded; Districts paying the "Normal Cost"; Social Security "Offsets"; Health Insurance Changes; Proposed Benefit Changes; House Bill 149 (SB 512); and Pension Protection Clauses. Seven times the Supreme Court of Illinois has ruled in favor of upholding the constitutionality of the clause that states "pension benefits shall not be diminished or impaired."

Legislative Update: Will Lovett gave a legislative update. Pension bill, SB 512, will probably come up next Wednesday or Thursday. TRIP is funded at about 60 million. Cut about 30 million. Bills will be paid next year but then we will need to look at things closely. ERRP (from federal government) of about 75 million was received by TRIP which gets it through 2012.

Bags for annual Meeting: Barb Gilhaus has already gotten materials from the Champaign County Office of Tourism. Janet Kilgus is working on getting something from McLean County and from NEA Member Benefits. Jack Tucker will work on getting bags and a place to put the "goodies" in the bags. He will also get out information for getting more materials to the Council and Chapter Presidents.

Table at SLA: Barb Gilhaus will coordinate a table for SLA to distribute Retired information and to sell membership. Janet Kilgus, Ray Bill, and Dave Bishop volunteered to help.

Adjourn: 12:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer