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IEA-Retired Council

May 13-14, 2010

Springfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:03 P.M.

In Attendance: Chair, Jack Tucker, Sec./Treas., Barb Gilhaus, Janet Kilgus, Dottie Beeler, Linda Stolt, Linda Walcher, C. E. Welch, Chuck Starke, Dave Bishop, Gene Craig, NEA-Retired Secretary and Mae Smith, NEA-Retired Advisory Council Member. Newly elected Council Member Ray Bill was also present. JoAnn Kenner, Vice Chair joined the group by Skype .

Staff in Attendance: Stacy Burroughs.

Guests: Cinda Klickna, Bob Blade, Audrey Soglin, Rich Frankenfeld, Sara Kaufman, and Will Lovett.

Ray Bill was officially declared the voting member of the Retired Council as of the date of the election results by a ruling of the Chair.

Cinda Klickna distributed a handout comparing the Tier I and Tier II Pension Plans. Cinda discussed the recent changes to the pension bill and answered questions. Bob Blade also answered questions concerning pension issues.

Linda Stolt **moved** that we add to the April minutes that the Council form an IEA-Retired membership committee for the purpose of increasing membership, solving processing problems, and monitoring the NEA Grant and that we approve the April 23,2010 minutes as amended, **seconded** by Janet Kilgus .

Motion carried.

Staff Report: Stacy reviewed the NEA Grant and handed out the report that he had submitted late to NEA. He also discussed the Retired meeting held in Decatur.

Assignments for Fall Newsletter: The next issue of the informer is at the presses. Dave announced the articles and writers for the upcoming fall newsletter. Deadline for the articles is July 25 or sooner. A discussion was held on cost savings for the newsletter. One possibility might be to incorporate the Informer in the Advocate. We need to study the issue more and get costs to determine if it is feasible.

Audrey Soglin talked about "Race to the Top" and the "Jobs Bill" at the federal level. Audrey brought to our attention that IEA has offered a dental plan for retired for many, many years through an outside group but managed by IEA. NEA member benefits now has a dental plan and vision plan which offers the same or better coverage for a better price. Audrey had a comparison sheet of the two plans. IEA

will work with our members to transfer them into the NEA plan. There was a discussion of IEA-Retired involvement in IEA.

Scholarships: Barb Gilhaus reported that we collected \$971.00 at the Oak Brook Conference for the MLH Scholarship Fund. This includes a \$150.00 donation from the Three Rivers Chapter. Council members told what their Chapters did to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund.

Budget: Barb Gilhaus reported on the conference call held by JoAnn Kenner, Jack Tucker, and Barb Gilhaus on 5/12/10. At that time we had not received the Doubletree bill. We had a discussion about unused hotel rooms and what to do about them. Jack suggested that we decided how many rooms we need to use and offer the rest to the first X number of people to register. There was a discussion of the desert reception, and the Friday night dinner. Suggestions were made for budget committee members for next year. JoAnn Kenner will check with those individuals and the committee will meet Aug. 25 at the home of Barb Gilhaus in Downs from 10:30 – 2:00.

Living Library Report: The living library report packet was distributed and areas were highlighted by Janet Kilgus. **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus that we send Janet Kilgus to the West NEA Regional Conference, **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.**

Mentoring Program: Linda Walcher had a written report and also added to it with an oral report. She added that Janet Kilgus has been an excellent support for her.

Spring Election Results: Are attached to this report.

Continuous Membership: **Moved** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Chuck Starke that the Council endorse the Continuous Membership bylaw. **Motion carried.**

Retired Council Policies: Janet Kilgus asked us to discuss policy # 8 on page 1. Jack asked that we request a list of all IEA retirees in NC. **Motion** by Linda Walcher that we strike policy # 8 on page 1, **seconded** by Dave Bishop. **Motion carried.** Policy # 9 on page 1 was tabled until later.

Council Meetings: Sept. 9-10, 2010; Nov. 4-5, 2010; Feb. 24-25, 2011; April 15, 2011; May 12-13, 2011. **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus to accept the above meeting dates, **seconded** by Janet Kilgus. **Motion carried.**

SLA Volunteers: Dave Bishop, Ray Bill, Linda Walcher, Lou Ann Jacobs, Janet Kilgus, and Terry Frye were suggested as possible volunteers to assist at the retired table at SLA. As soon as the schedule is available Barb Gilhaus will contact the above individuals and complete a work schedule.

Recess at 5:01 PM

Resume at 9:04 AM

TRS: Rich Frankenfeld reported that the average monthly benefit is \$3600.00, the average retirement age is 59, and the average years of service is 27. The economy is improving and investments are up. Rich also talked about the two tiered system. He provided a handout with the above information.

Awards: Some language on teacher and student forms needs to be changed and all dates need to be changed.

Fall TRS Schedule: Everyone will need to check on-line to see when the TRS meetings are scheduled for the area they are to cover. It was suggested that people take materials today so they would not have to be mailed later. Many Chapters felt going to the meetings was worthwhile but others felt that the gain was not worth it. It was suggested that Jack Tucker set up meetings with area coordinators to see if we can get staff and local presidents involved in conducting pre-retirement seminars. Linda Slot **moved** that we put in a proposal for an IEA-Retired Membership Recruitment Session at SLA, **seconded** by Dave Bishop. **Motion carried.**

Committees:

Conference:

Lana Hanes, Chair; Minnie Glover, Chair-elect; Martha Bowman, Sara Kaufman, Rita Stone, Chuck Starke, and Dottie Beeler who will be the Council Representative, plus 2 people to be named later.

Budget:

JoAnn Kenner, Chair; Barb Gilhaus, Jack Tucker, Linda Stolt and 3 others to be named later.

Legislative:

Ed Rosenthal

Awards:

JoAnn Kenner

Membership:

Ray Bill, Chair, Chuck Starke, Mae Smith, Linda Stolt.

Living Library:

Janet Kilgus, Chair; Jeanne Brunworth.

Mentor:

Linda Walcher, Chair; Janet Kilgus, Mae Smith.

Informer:

Dave Bishop, Chair; Sue Schmitt

Motion by Dottie Beeler, **seconded** by Dave Bishop to accept the committees. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Barb Gilhaus to cancel the fall Conference, **seconded** by Janet Kilgus. **Motion carried.**

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Legislative: Will Lovett discussed the “work in progress” Illinois State Budget and the effect it could have on education. Janet asked Will if we could get a list of IPACE contributors. Will said he would get a list to each Council member and to each Chapter President. Retirees get one vote plus one for each additional 10 members at recommendation hearings. Will also reported that the trip insurance premiums will go up 5% this year. The voucher bill can be brought up again.

NEA Advisory Council Report: A written report was distributed and Mae Smith highlighted areas from the report. Gene Craig also added some comments to the report.

New Chapters: Jack reported that possible new Chapters are in Eastern NC, Skokie and the Quad Cities.

NEA Delegates/Annual Meeting: Delegates can voucher ½ of their expenses in advance.

Conference Planning: We may be able do some room changes that will make things easier to arrange with less time needed between functions. JoAnn Kenner suggested that we add information about the Friday evening reception on the registration form and get a count for the reception so we know how much food to order. We had some sample mugs that could be used as give-aways. The bags cost over \$4.00 per person while most of the cups cost \$3.50 or less.

Linda Slot **moved** that we adjourn, seconded by Linda Walcher. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 12:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer