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IEA-Retired Council

Feb. 25-26, 2010

Springfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:04 P.M.

Jack introduced our newest staff member Amanda Plunkett.

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

Staff in Attendance: Stacy Burroughs, Will Lovett.

Guests: Rich Frankenfeld, Ken Swanson.

Minutes: There was a **motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Chuck Starke that the minutes from the October 21-22, 2009 Council meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

Staff Report: None

Assignments for Spring Newsletter: All assignments are due to Dave Bishop by April 3. Dave had a written assignment list prepared. He also assigned articles for the Asheville Conference and IEA-Retired Spring Conference for the summer issue.

Awards: Dave Bishop announced that all nomination forms had been mailed to the Council and that we should have read through those before our meeting. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Dottie Beeler that we present the Hauge Award to JoAnn Kenner. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus that we nominate Tron Young for the Bob Haisman Teacher of the Year Award, **seconded** by Linda Walcher. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** by Linda Stolt that we present two Bob Haisman Student of the Year Awards this year **seconded** by C. E. Welch. **Motion Carried.** The awards will go to Nicole Kurtovich and Amanda Meiners.

Dave asked that we review the Award forms for the May meeting so that any changes that need to be made can be done at that time.

Advisory Council Report: A written report was distributed. Gene Craig and Mae Smith highlighted areas of the report. The main focus on lobbying was the GPO/WEP. They indicated that nothing will be done this legislative session because of other items on the federal agenda, but we do need to watch carefully.

Scholarships: Janet Kilgus, a member of the Scholarship Committee, announced that there would be 45 scholarship winners, 1 will be the Mary Lou Hauge Scholarship winner. Jack will announce that individual at the RA.

Motion by JoAnn Kenner to send a check for \$.06 per active retired member to the NEA-Retired NEA-RA Give-A-Way for the 2011 NEA-RA. **Seconded** by Chuck Starke. **Motion carried.**

Budget: The budget oversight committee, consisting of JoAnn Kenner, Barb Gilhaus, and Jack Tucker, met at 10:30 on Feb. 26. The report was in 2 parts. The first covers the stipend by a local retired chapter for the purpose of recruitment in fall of 2009. This will be a topic of discussion at the President's meeting at the Spring Conference. The second part covers the budget through December. JoAnn had gone through the budget pages and assigned the unassigned SID's to specific areas. The budget committee made 3 recommendations: 1.) Re-evaluate the Fall Conference after the 2010 Conference. 2.) Continue with the TRS meeting attendance and possibly increase the stipend. 3.) J8 should include the NEA RA. Barb discussed the financial report that she had prepared. She will add the unassigned SID's into the proper categories before the next report is sent out.

Skype: How effective is Skype? Dave felt that he is part of the meeting. He does sometimes have trouble hearing some people.

Living Library Report: Janet Kilgus distributed a written report and highlighted areas in that report. She announced the following exciting news to the Council. " A good-sized federal grant has been secured to expand the Living Library. The funds will pay for robust enhancements to the technology including expanded lesson-search capabilities, the adding of more teacher profiles and new professional development material for teachers and pre-service students. More details on this grant will be made available this spring."

Mentoring Program: Linda Walcher briefly discussed her written report. The Mentoring Program is on Facebook and Twitter for those who are interested.

Membership Lists: Chapter Presidents are having trouble getting Chapter membership lists. It was suggested that they ask Donnie Jordan for the list. Where are we with annual memberships? Jack will put it on the May agenda for Stacy to report to us about the life memberships and where we stand with people who have not completed the payment of those memberships. Can we get a list of annual members, partially paid life members, and annual members who are on payroll deduction from TRS and also the number of members who are IPACE 4 life members?

AIM: We will have our AIM bylaw at the RA next year. Jack indicated that he had forgotten to send it to the Bylaw Committee this year but due to the budgetary concerns it is probably for the best.

Motion by Dottie Beeler, **seconded** by Dave Bishop, that we request of the IPACE Committee, 4 GPA's for the IEA-Retirees, one per each section of the state. **Motion carried.**

TRS Meetings: It was suggested that we need one really nice handout at those meetings plus one "trinket" item.

Dinner for May Meeting: Old Lux, Bella Meleno's, Saputo's, Gallagher's, Amberjack, Ross Issac's, Jimmy Oh's were suggested. More research will be done and a decision will be made at the April meeting.

Recess at 5:01 PM

Resume at 9:00 AM

IEA-Retired Vouchering Policies: Jack will send our Oct. 23, 2009 policy to the Asheville delegates along with the IEA vouchering policies.

President's Meeting: JoAnn has a letter ready to go to Chapter President's about the President's meeting at the Spring Conference. JoAnn will update the letter and have Amanda send it out ASAP. We also need to add the 2011 NEA Annual meeting to the agenda as the NEA RA will be in Chicago in 2011.

Legislation: Will Lovett updated the Council on the Two-Tier Pension Plan, TRIP, taxation of retirement income, and the State budget.

TRS: Rich Frankenfeld reported that the investment results FYTD are up over 15%. TRIP will not be sending out any booklets this year. People will get a letter telling them that they can go to the website to get a form to make changes. The search committee is moving along in their efforts to select an Executive Director.

Motion by JoAnn Kenner, **seconded** by Chuck Starke that we submit a bylaw that would give the IEA-Retired a minority delegate at the IEA-RA. **Motion Carried.**

Conference: There was a discussion as to where to hold the dessert reception. Stacy will check on the Spring room. There was a discussion of having a harp player at the Mansion during dinner prior to the Fall Conference. Stacy offered to pay for the harpist.

Motion by JoAnn Kenner, **seconded** by Linda Stolt that we pay Stew Adams expenses to attend the NEA Midwest Leadership Conference and that we take the expenses from JO9. **Motion Carried.**

Ken Swanson: Ken discussed the possible legislative changes that may be made to our pension system. Ken asked that he, Jim Reed or Audrey Soglin be put on the Spring Conference agenda to update the retirees on legislative issues. Jack asked Ken to speak before Bob Haisman at the luncheon. Ken agreed to be present at our Spring Conference.

Policies: Janet asked if we had followed through with policy # 1 when Jack's son and Janet's father passed away? Jack will take care of that. Policy # 6 on page 1 has been amended and is found under Vouchers. There was also a short discussion of policies 8 & 9 on page 1. Jack will check on these policies as well. We will discuss these more at the May meeting.

"Join IEA Retired Today!" booklet should have a section on Higher Ed and retired conference(s) included in it before it is revised. Jack will check on the possibility of an insert to use with the copies that we have.

Open Hearing: Topics to be included will be a 5 minute video on outreach to Teach, Living Library, Mentoring, AIM, membership, pensions, IPACE 4 life.

Barb Gilhaus moved and Janet Kilgus **seconded** that we adjourn.

Adjourn: 12:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer