

DEKALB COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

November 8, 2017 Minutes

Linda Chapman, secretary, called everyone to order at 11:15 and introduced the new officers, Rosemarie Slavenas as vice president, Joyce McConkey as treasurer, and Mary Lambert and Paula Howell as membership chairs. The meeting then came to order with vice-president Rosemarie Slavenas officiating in the Oak Crest dining room. Twenty-eight members received the minutes. There were no additions or corrections to the September 13, 2017 minutes. Joyce McConkey, treasurer, gave the report that we now have \$763.30 in the treasury

Ann Hart spoke about the Bi-annual IRTA Convention she attended as our representative. The issues discussed were WPO elimination, opposing tax changes such as taxing our pensions, candidates for state IRTA offices—only the vice president, John Flarity, is from the north part of the state with all the others from southern Illinois. In addition IRTA wants to continue working on getting more members into IRTA—currently we have 37,800 members, and six amendments were passed. The state IRTA dues will now be \$40 instead of \$30. In addition they told representatives that the earnings on our pension investments last year earned 15%.

We had Chris Gluck and Leo Lauzen and two interns from AMBA attend our meeting with Chris and Leo speaking to our group about the various IRTA benefits. Chris told us AMBA's 2018 initiative is to double state RTA membership. Currently there are 54 associations and they brought in new members last year for IRTA. We were reminded that spouses and other family members can become associate members to IRTA.

Leo spoke about the many benefits AMBA has and provided our attendees with handouts that outline different insurances and cost-saving benefits. He carefully reviewed the benefits. Leo did tell members that just because one long-term care insurance turns you down, there are other plans out there that they can help you find coverage. One plan, MASA, which covers transportation for the member and family from or to the site where the member took ill plus other coverages, does have a premium increase coming after the first of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 so the members could enjoy their buffet style lunch in the Oak Crest Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Chapman
Recording Secretary