

DEKALB COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
September 13, 2017 Minutes

As members arrived they received copies of the last minutes and a schedule of the upcoming governor forum. The meeting was called to order by Linda Chapman, secretary in the absence of the vice-president, at 11:12 a.m. in Oak Crest Dining Room.

Treasurer, Dick Stipher, gave his report that we now have a balance of \$917.36. The minutes were approved as presented.

Linda told the 22 members in attendance that Dick and Ann Stipher were stepping down from their respective roles as treasurer/membership and vice president, and that without people stepping forward to a leadership role, we would have to disband our local because Linda would not be able to take on all the roles. Linda asked members to think about it and let her know before leaving today, by e-mail, or at the November meeting if they were willing to volunteer for an office. As people left the luncheon we had volunteers: Rosemarie Slavenas for vice president, Joyce McConkey for treasurer, and Mary Lambert for membership. We are still in search of a president.

Linda then introduced Lisa Brandt, Dietician at the Sycamore Hy-Vee grocery store. Lisa had handouts, fruit and cheese for members to enjoy. She told members that diet can play a big role in an individual's health, i.e., inflammation, illnesses, and other health conditions. The members then had a chance to ask questions about supplements, health foods she would recommend, and brand names in the health section of the store that she would recommend. Members expressed their pleasure that the meeting gave them some valuable information.

Our guest, Meg Safarik, Region 5 director, spoke to the members about remaining a IRTA member so they can take advantage of the IRTA benefits such as dental and vision insurance. She told everyone about possible by-law changes that will be voted on at the bi-annual IRTA conference the end of October. She also mentioned to members to try to bring in teacher friends to the meetings to grow our local and that she really didn't want to see our group disband. IRTA was the retired teacher group that protected our pensions when they were under siege by the state. She also mentioned we may have to move the date to another day of the month so we could accommodate more members who would come.

Our next meeting is November 8, 2017 about IRTA benefits. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda S. Chapman  
Recording Secretary