

EARTA BOARD MEETING
ZOOM – March 12, 2021

PRESENT: Diane Arnhold, Adrienne Berna, Dave Brown, Joyce Causey, Christine Moeller, Cindy Lange, Kay Lincicome, Barb McGee, Karen Patterson, David Wedemeyer, Mick Williams.

President – Christine Moeller called the Zoom Meeting to order at 9:35.

Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome asked if there were corrections or additions to the minutes from the February 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Hearing none, Christine announced that the minutes would be accepted as printed. They will be on file.

Corresponding Secretary – Joyce Causey reported to whom cards were sent: Jane Walker on the death of her husband, to the family of Lavona Wiff on her death, and “Get Well” wishes for Peggy Jurgensen, Carolyn Jarvis, and Jean Jederman.

Treasurer – Diane Arnhold reported that she paid for the printing of the EARTA Directory (a little over \$1000). She reported that there is \$1131.43 in the checking account, \$7508.79 in the savings account, and \$3898.45 in the CD. She reported that \$25 was sent to IRA for the passing of an EARTA member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chaplain – Mick Williams expressed that we should all be cautious.... please stay well and pray for healing. Dave B. reported that Burlington Central School had to closed because of teachers’ illnesses. U-46 might need to close after teachers receive the Moderna vaccine because side-effects might keep them home and there are not enough subs.

Community Participation – Cindy Lange reported that she will place in the JOGGER, the 5 charities that EARTA will support. Cindy reported that she reviewed the charity list from former years. This will be discussed at a later date.

Legislation – David Wedemeyer reported the IRA Convention will be held in Springfield, in person, on October 18-19, at the Crown Plaza. Fewer members are expected to attend. Delegates will discuss the Constitutional By-Laws. IRTA and TRIP budgets ate OK’d with the government. At the moment there is no action on bills. There are 2 issues with CMS. 1) Members are owed a refund. 2) When will they get it? The Area Conference will be on line and anyone is able to attend. He reported that premiums are up 5% for TRIP. David will contact EARTA’s 2 legislatures. He will ask for volunteers to go with him when he meets with them.

Directory Report – David Brown, Christine Moeller, Karen Patterson. Christine picked up the printed Directories. The Directory can be data based for LINK. Discussion was on the cost of the Directory. There were 385 sent to members last year. It is \$.20 for local mailing, and \$.22 non-local. The cost for the Directory and the JOGGER mailing is the same. Return cost for EARTA is \$.55. There are 400 Directories printed for this year. They will be sent out at the end of March. A committee of Christine, Irene and David W. will help to assemble them at Karen's home. Please let Karen know if you are able to help. (Date to be determined.) Karen has the labels and the updated members' mailing list.

New Members – Retirement – Cindy Lange, Irene Wedemeyer Question was raised as how to contact retiring teachers this school year. IRTA is sending out names except for Elgin. The Committee will investigate.

OLD BUSINESS

Jogger and Directory Publication

The Board discussed content and ideas for the JOGGER. Lucy will be placing the minutes from the General Meetings on the WEBSITE. It was decided that the Community Participation for the next JOGGER will be FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN. It was suggested that on the first page, a banner could replace the space where the menu is usually placed. The Community Participation could highlight that area. It was suggested that Joyce could compile a list of members' names, for the JOGGER, that received cards and condolences during 2020. Christine contacted Brian from INSTANT PRINT. He quoted that for 2 pages for the JOGGER (380 copies) would cost \$100.75. This includes printing, collating, and folding.

DISCUSSION

General Meetings

Member Calling Committee

Cliff called Christine and suggested to begin EARTA's General Meeting in September. It was decided, that at this time, we would stick to the meeting date for November, but will discuss September next time. Up for question would be the availability of the Country Club, and their protocols. Barb will investigate.

Christine discussed when a good time would be for the calling committee to call EARTA members. She asked for suggestions for additional callers. Suggestions were: Cliff Olson, Coral Reinert, Marilyn Foster, Carolyn Jarvis. Christine will set up a ZOOM meeting for the members of this committee to set guidelines.

Next Board Meeting: April 9, 2021, ZOOM, 9:30

Respectively submitted
Kay Lincicome, Recording Secretary