

**EARTA BOARD MEETING
ETA/IEA OFFICES
ELGIN, ILLINOIS
MAY 13, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER President, David Wedemeyer, called the meeting to order at 9:35.

PRESENT: Adrienne Berna, David Brown, Jean Jederman, Peggy Jurgensen, Kay Lincicome, Barb McGee, Cliff Olson, Karen Patterson, June Preucil, Coral Reinert, Shelly Singer, Cindy Ruszkiewicz, David Wedemeyer, Irene Wedemeyer. **ABSENT:** Maureen DeDobbelaere, Susan Frederitzi, Cindy Lange, Bonnie Skapyak, Mick Williams.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome The March 11, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted as printed in the *Jogger*. The minutes are on file.

Vice-President – Barb McGee reported that the next General Meeting will be held at the Elgin Country Club on June 17. Reservations are due by June 10. Price is TBA and will be printed in the *Jogger*.

Treasurer – Jean Jederman reported that there is \$3376.51 in the checking account, and \$8793.60 in the savings account. The report will be filed for audit. Jean read two thank-you notes from the IRTA Foundation thanking EARTA for the memorial donation for \$25 each for Dennis Toren and Marjory McDonough.

President – David Wedemeyer presented a printed updated two page calendar for what should transpire each month for EARTA's even numbered year and odd numbered year. The board was asked to look over the items for corrections and additions. David will make corrections and distribute a new form. He reminded us that this is a working document and can be changed as necessary. One change that was suggested was to substitute the word "chosen" for the word "presented" for the even numbered June entry.

David felt that EARTA needs to focus charity giving to organizations that give us credit for giving which would help raise our profile. Discussion was had. Jean suggested that we hold our charity giving amount to \$500. Coral suggested that we give \$850 as would be presented in her report. Discussion about EARTA's money distribution reminded us that we give \$300 to IRTA Foundation. \$1000 is allotted for programs as it was suggested that this venue draws people to our meetings. There are 450 EARTA member but we do not get money from all of them each year as some are life members. David Brown proposed that we do what the committee recommends for this year in our charity giving. (See Coral's motion). Discussion was had about the fact that we do not talk about a budget. There seems to be a need to track what funds are needed for various committees. Discussion was had on ideas for consideration.

Is extra money needed for the luncheons?

How much money do we need for entertainment?

It was suggested that the budget would be assessed on an annual basis.

Audit Committee could have a discussion with board about income and out-go.

Board should know about the contents of the audit report.

Suggestion was to have more detail about money.
David W. will meet with Jean for August Board Meeting to put together a "Guide" budget to consider. He will meet with the audit committee, also.

Charity – Coral Reinert moved to approve the charity giving for 2016:

\$300 for the IRTA Foundation

\$200 for Food For Greater Elgin

\$200 for the ETA U-46 Scholarship

\$100 for the Local Foundation

Total: \$800

Community participation – Cindy Lange Cindy R. suggested that EARTA choose one item for donation each month for the Crisis Center that would be printed in the *Jogger*. Members could still donate other items from the past lists. See Web Site for other suggested items.

Contact – Bonnie Skapyak David W. reported that EARTA will renew the account in June.

Legislation – Cliff Olson presented his written report which will be on file. He reminds us to contribute to the IRTAPAC fund as "we must support retiree's views. We are agents of democracy in the public arena for public education." David W. will remind members to join IRTAPAC at the next board meeting.

Membership – David Brown received 2 new members on May 13th, and 9 new members at the pre-retirement event. David sent out 140 letters with only 20 attending the event. Question was raised on how do we entice more retirees to attend the event? Discussion was had concerning whether it is worth the effort and money to have the event. The cost of the Pre-retirement event was \$630 plus mailing which brought the total to \$700. It is a lot of work to put this event together. Discussion was had on ideas for the future. Jean commented that EARTA spends a lot on the event without good results. Coral suggested that we invite retirees to the June or September EARTA Meetings instead of the Pre-Retirement large event. Speakers could be arranged that would benefit the members and the guests. Discussion was had about paying for their meal. A suggestion was to have the first 50 new retirees come to the June meeting free. This will be ongoing for discussion and decision.

Immediate Past President, Ex-Officio – Irene Wedemeyer suggested that she could volunteer to help with committees. She felt that as past president, she needed to take on more responsibility to the EARTA Board. Because getting addresses of future retirees is a problem, she would like to pursue this duty. She suggested that the past-president could take on the job of recruiting new members. Jean moved that this become the job of the past president. Coral seconded the motion. A committee could be formed with the past-president as coordinator.

Jogger Mailing – Karen Patterson Cindy Lange submitted 140 names of retirees for the May *JOGGER*...U-46, 80 names; District 300, 40 names; St. Charles, 20 names. The total *Joggers* to be sent out in May will be 590. "Return Service not requested" will be printed on that *Jogger*. The mailing should be done before the last day of school. Volunteers will meet at Karen's home to assemble the *Jogger* on May 17th, 12:00 -3:00.

Jogger Editor – Cindy Ruszkiewicz asked to have all reports to her by noon, Saturday, for the *Jogger*.

Adrienne Berna – Nominations reported that there are 2 positions that will be coming up for election: Recording Secretary and Vice-President.

Pre-Retirement – Barb McGee, Cindy Lange David W. thanked the volunteers that helped at the Pre-Retirement Event.

Programs – Shelly Singer reported that the program for the General Meeting on June 17th will be EARTA member, Marilyn Foster on piano, and Laura Goldman, singer. Laura is a Social Studies teacher at Main South High School. She will be singing popular songs. It was discussed about having the Benefit's Presentation during meal rather than the main program. David would begin the business meeting at 12:45.

Social – Coral Reinert reported that the Supper Club met on May 9th at Hooper's Bar and Grill at 5:30. Reports on future Supper Club dates and Future Epicurean Adventure Dates can be found on the calendar at the end of the Board Minutes. Any questions about the Epicurean Adventure, please call Karen Patterson or Irene Wedemeyer. The tickets purchased for the play "Hamilton" are all sold for Sunday Matinee on October 30th. Coral tried to order 10 individual tickets as there is space on the motor coach, but tickets are only available on one/two at a time when tickets go on sale. If you would like to try to purchase your own ticket and join the group on the coach, the cost would be \$50. This would include dinner. If interested, call Coral Reinert at 847-742-4330.

Website – June Preucil Crisis Center articles for donations can be found on the Web Site.

STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Legislation –Cliff Olson Report is on file.

ANYTHING ELSE GOOD FOR THE ORDER

Coral suggested that EARTA have a better system for name tags as the present ones fall off too easily. She suggested a lanyard. Barb will check out the cost.

ADJOURNMENT

David Wedemeyer adjourned the meeting at 11:36

CALENDAR

May 17, 2016....6:00 – Epicurean Adventure, Cucina Bella, Algonquin
June 13, 2016....5:30 – Supper Club, Hooper's
June 14, 2016....6:00 – Epicurean Adventure, Shakou, St. Charles
June 17, 2016....11:30 – General Meeting, Elgin Country Club
July 13, 2016....6:00 - Epicurean Adventure, Seasons 52, Schaumburg
August 8, 2016....5:30 – Supper Club, Hooper's
August 12, 2016....9:30 - Board Meeting, IEA Offices
August 18, 2016....6:00 - Epicurean Adventure, Ellwood Steak & Fish House, DeKalb
September 12, 2016....5:30 - Supper Club, Hooper's
September 16, 2016....11:30, - General Meeting, Elgin Country Club
September 21, 2016....6:00 – Epicurean Adventure, Patten House, Geneva

