

**EARTA BOARD MEETING
ETA/IEA OFFICES
Elgin, Illinois
May 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President, David Wedemeyer, called the meeting to order at 9:34.

Present: David Brown, Maureen DeDobbelaere, Jean Jederman, Peggy Jurgensen, Cindy Lange, Kay Lincicome, Barb McGee, Cliff Olson, Karen Patterson, June Preucil, Coral Reinert, Shelly Singer, Bonnie Skapyak, David Wedemeyer, Irene Wedemeyer, Mick Williams.

Absent: Adrienne Berna, Susan Frederitzi, Cindy Ruskiewicz.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome Minutes of the March 10, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted, as corrected. The minutes are on file.

Treasurer – Jean Jederman reported that as of May 1, 2017, there is \$3412.92 in the checking account, and \$8602.45 in the savings account. The report will be on file for audit.

Corresponding Secretary – Susan Frederitzi No report

Vice-President – Barb McGee reported that the next EARTA General Meeting will be on June 16, 2017, at the Elgin Country Club. The menu will be Caesar salad, Chicken Puff Pastry, Rice, Veggies, and ice cream. Cost will be \$24. Reservations need to be in by June 9th.

President – David Wedemeyer reported that Cindy Lange created an E-mail address for EARTA. The address is: EARTAELGIN@GMail.com. This eliminates having to use personal e-mail addresses. Nominee for EARTA Retired Teacher of the Year will be announced in June. This nominee will go to the State Convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auditing – Peggy Jurgensen reported that the auditing committee will meet on May 17. The committee is David Brown, Coral, Peggy, and Karen.

Chaplain – Mick Williams No report

Charity – Coral Reinert reported that \$200 was donated to the ETA Those Who Excel Scholarship Bowl. The scholarship is awarded to deserving students planning a career in education. The total charity given this year is \$200. \$25 was given to IRTA in memory of Kathy Turnquist.

Community Participation – Cindy Lange suggested that EARTA continue with donations to the Crisis Center as our Community Participation. Suggestions for items to donate will be in the *Jogger*.

Contact – Bonnie Skapyak reported that she will re-subscribed to the Robo-Call service in June with an additional 250 calls to keep us in the plan. There are 1025 calls left and they will roll over for upcoming calls in 2017-2018.

Informational Services – Maureen DeDobbelaere No report

Legislation – Cliff Olson passed out 3 hand-outs of reports for our consideration. One was about the New Pension Bill. Illinois State Representative Barbara Flynn Currie has filed a new pension bill in the House that combines a number of reform ideas into one measure. This report highlighted the contents of the bill. Another report was about IRTA CALL TO ACTION. This report highlighted how a proposal would recalculate how the state pays into the pension system and other pension considerations. Another hand-out was Cliff's regular written report. He reported that TRIP will move to Aetna as the plan administrator. He reported on Senate Bills that are up for consideration. He reminded us that "Legislators must be held accountable to the State and U. S. Constitutions that they swore to uphold." We were reminded to Stay-up-to-date and be ready for a Call-to-Action, and always check the EARTA, IRTA and TRS websites. Cliff's reports are on file.

Membership – David Brown reported that there are over 440 members including the new members as of May.

Jogger Mailing – Karen Patterson reported that the Jogger Mailing Committee will meet at the Greens on May 17th. The committee will be Coral, Karen, Maureen, June, and Peggy. There are 425 on the mailing list plus the new retirees. *Joggers* will be sent to 54 Elgin new retirees and 30 to St. Charles new retirees. Total *Joggers* to be sent out this month will be 550 copies.

Nominations – Adrienne Berna No report

New Members (Pre-Retirement) – Irene Wedemeyer, Barb McGee Cindy Lange

Lange Cindy reported on the Pre-Retirement Meeting held at Colonial Restaurant. Cindy sent out information on the meeting to schools in Elgin, St. Charles, and Dundee. Elgin did not receive the information. Cindy felt that the month of May might be too late to have the Pre-Retirement meeting. She suggested to have the meeting in April. Eight pre-retirement people came to the venue this year. Information will be sent out to the Dundee Schools to obtain personal addresses so EARTA can send out copies of the *Jogger*. Cindy reported that the informal setting at Colonial was good. A representative from Benefits came to tell about reasons for joining IRTA. Four people signed up to join EARTA and two people filled out the form and will mail it and the money to Jean. Seventeen sundaes with toppings cost \$160.63. There were 54 retirees in U-46. (For the record, five signed up to join EARTA last school year at the Pre-Retirement Meeting in 2016.) Cindy suggested that next year EARTA members could bring pre-retirees to the Pre-Retirement Meeting as their guest. Cindy felt using electronic vs. paper was a good way to get information to the retirees. The response was good using this form of communication. Also suggested was the idea that EARTA consider contacting the Principals' Association and ask if they could post information about the Pre-Retirement Meeting. It was decided that next year, the Pre-Retirement meeting will be planned for April with information sent out electronically. Colonial will be the venue.

Program – Shelly Singer reported that the program for the June 16 General Meeting will be violinist Daniel Ziesemen. He has been playing at different venues for 25 years. He enjoys arranging beautiful songs of yesterday and keeping them alive in his generation. He will be given a stipend of \$100.

Social – Coral Reinert reported that the Supper Club met on May 8th at Hooper's Bar and Grill. The next Supper Club will meet on June 12, at Hooper's, at 5:30. All are invited. The Epicurean Adventure met on April 4th at the "1776" Restaurant in Crystal Lake. The next Adventure will be on May 16th, at Tribella's in Batavia at 6:00. The group will meet at Cooper's Hawk in Barrington on June 14th. Please let Karen or Irene know if you are interested. Coral reported on the upcoming Tour Information. Forty members are planning to go to the Paramount on Sunday, June 11th, to see/hear *Barbra and Frank... For the Concert that Never Was*. The group will meet at the Country Inn Suites, 220 Point Blvd., Elgin, IL, at 1:45 and leave at 2:00. Following the show, the group will go to the Anvil Club for a pork loin dinner. If you have any questions, please call Coral. Reservations have been made for 42nd Street being played at Drury Lane on November 2nd. Tour includes lunch and show. Cost will be \$89, including coach and gratuities. Coral has reserved 45 tickets and there are 23 people signed up at this time. If interested, please sign up at the meeting in June or September.

Website – June Preucil No report

STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Legislation – Cliff Olson Report is on file

ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER? David W. discussed the stipends for the upcoming IRTA Convention to be held in October 30-31. Last year's stipend was \$100 for attending Board Members and \$40 for attending non-Board members. David suggested that the stipend be \$60 for everyone attending (board members and non-board members). After discussion, Jean moved that we keep the stipend as it was last year. Cliff seconded the motion. The vote past.

ADJOURNMENT David W. adjourned the Board Meeting at 10:35.

CALENDAR

May 16 – 6:00 – Epicurean Adventure – Tribella's
June 11 – 5:30 – Hooper's, Elgin
June 14 – 6:00 – Epicurean Adventure – Cooper's Hawk
June 16 – 11:30 – EARTA Luncheon Meeting – Elgin Country Club
July 5 – 6:00 – Epicurean Adventure – Aqua Viva, Maple Park
July 10 – 5:30 – Hooper's
August 11 – 9:30 – EARTA Board
August 14 – 5:30 – Hooper's
October 30-31 – IRTA Convention – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield

Respectively submitted

Kay Lincicome – Recording Secretary

