

EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

ELGIN COUNTRY CLUB

EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING was held at the Elgin Country Club on Friday, September 15, 2023. Social hour was at 11:30, and the luncheon was at 12:00. Lucy Niemeier, President, welcomed members to the meeting.

CHAPLAIN—MICK WILLIAMS offered a very meaningful invocation for the beginning of a new school year before the meal of a garden salad, roast pork loin, potatoes and gravy, and apple squares.

PRE-BUSINESS MEETING Lucy introduced new members to the meeting: Lowell Custer, Kathy Heikkinen, Ron Lange, Linda Nieto, Cathy Duja, and Matt Bohrer. She gave them “Welcome cards.”

BUSINESS MEETING

PRESIDENT- LUCY NIEMEIER called the meeting to order.

Lucy reminded members that printed minutes from the June 16, 2023, Luncheon are on the tables. She asked for corrections. They were accepted by Sondra Wolcott and seconded by Diane Geary as printed.

LEGISLATIVE-MICK WILLIAMS—the Legislative updates of IRTA as of September 11, 2023 are on the tables. Mick presented the highlights from the IRTA website and reminded EARTA members that the full text is available from the IRTA website. Election session for candidates begins September 5th. Candidates will be on the March 19th Illinois primary ballot. Veto sessions will be held October 24-26 and November 7-9.

House pension hearing update—they met to discuss measure to provide an additional \$500 million yearly to pension fund to address unfunded liabilities. (See House Bill 4098).

Attorney general—no state funding for a library that bans books.

DIRECTORY—KAREN PATTERSON- The general membership needs to let her know if their information has changed.

JOGGER- CHRIS MOELLER—Nothing for JOGGER.

OLD BUSINESS- Last month Chris Moeller suggested we offer small interest groups. There are five different offerings near the sign-in table. You can either sign up or take the paper that describes them to “read and think about them.” 1) “It’s Just Coffee” at the Blue Box 2) Walk the Paved Circle at Burnidge Forest Preserve—9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13 and 10/20 followed by Big Apple Bagel 3) “Bachelors of Broadway” (\$42) at ECC on 3/16/2024 at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at Applebee’s 4) Pinot’s Palette in South Barrington in November hosted by Lucy Niemeier and 5) Theater fun at ECC – “The Wonderbread Years” (\$42) on 10/14 at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at Applebee’s.

NEW BUSINESS—Introduction of Ms. Sarah Yun Mayer and Ms. Yeeun Jang by Barb McGee. These two women graduated from Judson’s music program and perform as JUA (Joy in Us, Always). They are classically trained pianists originally from South Korea. Since 2021 they have collaborated to present piano arrangements of classics, hymns, and folk tunes. They presented a program of 12 different piano

arrangements to the audience ending with a “sing-a-long” of What a Wonderful World” by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Geary, Corresponding Secretary (for Kay Lincicome, Recording Secretary)