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future meeting

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
October 18, 2016

The meeting of the IRTA Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Dave Davison and opened with a moment of silence in memory of Malcolm Fox, member of the IRTA Foundation Board of Directors, and Emily Bachman, mother of Jim Bachman, State Coordinator of IRTA Foundation.

Members Present: Dave Davison, Chair; Judi Harland, Vice-Chair; Bob Pinkerton, Past Chair; Shirley Dodds, Treasurer; Doris Heaton, Secretary; Loryann Eis, Jan Bryant, Roger Hampton, Ferrel Seaman, and Bill Funkhouser, Area Representatives; Fred Kunz, Kay Shaner, Sharon Urban, and Wendy Wieggers, At-Large Members, and Roger Hampton, IRTA Vice-President.

Members Absent: Donna Sargent, Area Representative.

Also Present: Jim Bachman, State Coordinator; Charlie Chrisman, Membership Coordinator; Mo Shaner, Comptroller; Susan Goetz, Administrative Assistant; Tricia Klim, Member Services Coordinator; and Mary Shaw, Director of Legislative Affairs.

A motion by Shirley Dodds to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4-12-16 passed.

Chair Report

Label Campaign: Mo Shaner reported that the amount of giving to the Label Campaign continues to grow with \$164,813 donated through 9/30/16. However, there are many people who do not donate and it is important to speak to the units about this program and to stress the importance of the campaign. Several new ideas for enclosures with the labels were discussed.

Retiree Assistance: The Foundation is presently assisting 10 TRS annuitants with monthly stipends ranging from \$250 to \$650 per month. Real estate taxes are being paid for two annuitants and one time needs such as household expenses, medical, and dental are provided for additional people. Application for assistance may be requested from the office or printed out from the web site.

Excellence in Education Grants: Tricia Klim and Charlie Chrisman spoke on this grant program. A total of 128 grants were received in 2016 from Areas 1 and 2. Twenty-five grants were awarded for a total of \$14,904.90.

Scholarships: Susan Goetz stated that she plans to have the 2017 scholarship application forms available on-line December 1. Notice will be sent to Unit Presidents and Foundation Chairs along with periodic reminders to promote the program. An email regarding the availability of the scholarships will be sent to all IRTA members.

The Rose Sandstrom Scholarship guidelines have been established but to date the scholarship is not available to be awarded.

Ad Hoc Committee Report: An Ad Hoc Committee was established to make recommendations for programs after Foundation funding for ICARE ends. Bob Pinkerton made the following motion:

- Beginning in 2017, the Excellence in Education Grants for Active Teachers becomes a statewide program each year eliminating the current rotating process in which grant opportunity is every three

years. Efforts will be made to equalize grants for each of the six areas as much as possible. The selection process will remain as is with the Foundation At Large members reviewing all applications and selecting winners from all six areas each year. Application guidelines will remain unchanged.

- Cost is an additional \$21,500 making a total of \$36,500 for grants each year. This utilizes the money that was previously budgeted for the ICARE Program.
- Consider at a later date an Active Teacher Scholarship program to financially assist current teachers who would like to further their education.

Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The staff will establish guidelines with assistance from the board.

Susan Goetz, Tricia Klim and Charlie Chrisman left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

State Coordinator's Report: Ben Call, Realtor, stated that the price of the IRTA Building at 620 N. Walnut has been reduced to \$349,900. The office space in the IRTA Building at 828 S. Second Street is being marketed as office space from 1,000 to 11,000 square feet availability. To date there has been no offers made for either property.

Jim Bachman discussed the repavement of the parking lot, alley, and the new fence along the property line at 828 S. Second Street.

The Foundation funding for the ICARE program ended on September 30. The employees expressed their appreciation for the assistance we have provided.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Dodds presented the treasurer's report for the Foundation. A motion by Shirley Dodds to accept the financial reports and file them for audit passed.

Shirley then presented the 2017 IRTA Foundation recommended budget. Motion by Wendy Wieggers to accept the 2017 budget passed.

Other Business: Wendy Wieggers asked if there is information available for new unit presidents. While there is nothing specific, it is covered by some area conferences and regional meetings for unit presidents.

Motion was made by Ferrel Seaman to donate \$500 to the Arcola Foundation, Malcolm N. Fox and Sharon J. Fox Scholarship Fund in memory of Malcolm Fox. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Doris Heaton, Secretary