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ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 13, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call

The Zoom Conference Call meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair John Flaherty.

Members Present: John Flaherty, Chair; Ed Wollet, Vice Chair; Roger Hampton, Past Chair; Doris Heaton, Secretary; Don Ostrom, Treasurer; and Jo Anne Nelson, Wendy Wieggers, Jan Bryant, Donna Sargent, Jim Barr, and John Harland, Area Representatives and Bill Funkhouser, IRTA Vice President

Also Present: Jim Bachman, Executive Director; Nathan Mihelich, Director of Membership/Marketing; and Andrew Bodewes, Contract Lobbyist.

Motion by Jim Barr to approve the minutes of 10-22-20 passed.

Treasurer's Report: Don Ostrom, treasurer, presented his financial report. At present there are 5473 members enrolled in the \$1/month payroll deduction program and \$126,847.54 in the checking account.

Motion by Jim Barr to accept the treasurer's report as presented passed.

Andrew Bodewes spoke on what is happening with the legislature which is resuming meeting. Bills are beginning to move including one to have refund of overpayment of medical insurance retroactive. Budget talks have started and MAP redistricting will come out in the next few weeks which is before the census numbers are finalized.

Ed Wollet, Vice Chair, presented the IRTAPAC Committee report. The committee has reviewed the goals for the PAC Committee and the only change was to increase participation in the \$1/month deduction program without stating a proposed number of participants. The goals are:

- Goal 1: Recommend endorsements of legislative and gubernatorial candidates.
- Goal 2: Raise money for the IRTAPAC by increasing participation in the \$1/month deduction program.
- Goal 3: Assist in organizing campaign volunteers, particularly in units that will have Tier 1 races. Possibly add a 4th Strategy and include organizing the distribution of Yard Signs.
- Goal 4: The IRTAPAC Committee will explore avenues to initiate a Federal PAC. The IRTA Government Affairs team was asked to put together a Pros/Cons Position on possible Federal Candidate endorsement.

During the 2020 election cycle, 45 candidates were endorsed with 35 winning their elections. \$89,000 was distributed to candidates throughout the state for their campaigns.

An auction to be held during the October, 2021 IRTA Convention will benefit the PAC.

Motion by Jim Barr to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. passed.

Doris Heaton, Secretary