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future meeting

ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
IRTAPAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Chairman Roger Hampton

Members Present: Roger Hampton, Chairman; Ed Wollet, Vice Chair; Shirley Dodds, Treasurer; Doris Heaton, Secretary; Dave Davison, Past Chair; John Flaherty, IRTA Vice President; and Jo Anne Nelson, Jan Bryant, Donna Sargent, Jim Barr, and Bill Funkhouser, Area Representatives.

Member Absent: Bob Kaplan, Area Representative.

Also Present: Jim Bachman, Executive Director and Susan Goetz, Administrative Assistant.

Motion by Jim Barr to approve the minutes of April 30, 2019 passed.

Jim Bachman gave an update on the income and expenses through October showing the total assets to be \$154,449.88. At present there are 5580 members with \$1/month deduction.

The Silent Auction at the convention brought in \$10,404. Thanks were given to all who participated.

Ed Wollett, IRTAPAC Committee Chair presented the 2020 IRTAPAC Goals as determined by his committee on September 12, 2019.

Motion by Ed Wollett to adopt the 2020 IRTA Goals and Strategies as presented.

Following a discussion regarding WEP/GPO, Ed Wollett moved to amend his motion and strike Goal 4 as written and substitute:

Goal 4: Committee Duties & Responsibilities: The IRTAPAC committee will explore avenues to initiate a Federal PAC.

Motion to amend the motion passed.

Motion to adopt 2020 IRTAPAC Goal and Strategies as amended passed.

Following are the Goals and Strategies as adopted.-

Goal 1:

Committee Duties & Responsibilities & Goals: To recommend endorsements of legislative and gubernatorial candidates.

Strategy: Develop a General Assembly and Gubernatorial questionnaire to submit to each candidate through his/her campaign committee for return by July 5. Periodically, the PAC committee members will be updated on which candidates in their region have failed to return a completed questionnaire. PAC committee members will contact those campaigns encouraging them to submit the PAC questionnaire for consideration for endorsement. No consideration for endorsement will be extended to any candidate who does not submit a completed questionnaire.

A link to the State Board of Elections will be sent to the IRTAPAC Committee before the Primary election for them to share with their local units.

Goal 2:

Committee Duties & Responsibilities: Raise money for the IRTAPAC by increasing participation in the \$1/month deduction program to 7000 participant by December 31, 2020.

Strategy: The rationale behind the \$1/month deduction program is to provide consistency and predictability for the IRTAPAC fund. This program currently brings in an average of \$5 to every \$1 of voluntary contribution. This fund has grown from having \$20,000-\$30,000 available to support campaigns to over \$150,000. Regional PAC committee members will be supplied with PAC enrollment forms to use as they meet with local units. Electronic communications will include the link (<https://form.jotform.com/80233925745156>) for members to use for electronic sign up.

Goal 3:

Committee Duties & Responsibilities: Assist in organizing campaign volunteers, particularly in units that will have Tier 1 races.

Strategy:

1. Help local units to schedule visits with candidates to review the answers to the PAC questionnaire and receive assurances of future support for TRS retirees' pension and health insurance benefits.
2. Help local units recruit volunteers for campaigns, working particularly with units with identified Tier 1 campaigns. For example, volunteers may want to help by answering a phone at campaign headquarters, addressing and stuffing campaign envelopes, canvassing a precinct, calling voters on election day.
3. Make at least an annual contact with local units and/or local unit executive boards to ascertain how the IRTAPAC committee can assist the local unit in meeting local Legislative PAC goals.

Goal 4:

Committee Duties & Responsibilities: The IRTAPAC committee will explore avenues to initiate a federal PAC.

Strategy:

1. IRTAPAC committee meetings will include staff updates about upcoming federal elections and a list of those Illinois candidates (both incumbent and challengers) who express support for rescinding WEP/GPO.

Ed Wollet suggested that he contact local unit leaders and possibly host a luncheon to enlist their help in finding qualified candidates to serve on the IRTAPAC Committee.

The new Logo for IRTAPAC was shown.

Doris Heaton, Secretary