

WOEA-R

Western Ohio Education Association Retired established 1989 **October 19, 2011 Meeting – Kitchen Aid Experience, Greenville, Ohio**

Members and visitors present: Pat Eshbaugh, Donald Stephan, Barbara Brafute, Elvira Montgomery, Dawn Wojcik, Virginia Roberts, Carolyn Boze, Sandy Freeman, Wanda Adams, Arnetta Depp, Deb Drake, Jane Rahn, Emmy Brudzinski, and Jane Staley.

The group convened at 11:00 a.m. for an apple dumpling class and left for lunch at Montage at 11:40. We returned to Kitchen Aid for apple dumpling dessert.

12:40 p.m. - Call to Order of business meeting

Presidents Report:

- Minutes of September 21 were moved for approval by Arnetta Depp and seconded by Sandy Freeman. Motion passed.
- Jane listed opportunities to involve our members in the defeat of Issue # 2, the repeal of SB 5 which included: educator rally at IBEW Hall on Poe Rd in Dayton 10 a.m. on October 22 where participants will be asked to spend a few hours canvassing Saturday. Members were asked to send \$54 donation to We Are Ohio matching the same amount the actives are giving to the effort. Members are being asked to do phone calling to retirees who do not have email.
- Jane talked about the need to follow up with the class of 2011 retirees who received the welcome letter from WOE-R.
- Jane encouraged R's to participate in the WOE-R Fall Member Forum at Northmont High on November 16, 2011. Arnetta sought volunteers to assist with the WOE-R presentation at the forum; five members volunteered. One of the Fall Forum groups will focus on the film *The Inconvenient Truth Behind Waiting for Superman*. Prior to the forum the film may be viewed at Bullwinkle's Bistro in Miamisburg on November 2 and at the WOE-R office November 9 – both at 5:30 p.m.

Special Guest: Sarah Markey NEA Staff - Sarah has been assigned to this region of Ohio to help with the defeat Issue #2 efforts. Sarah greeted members, encouraged our further participation and thanked us for our efforts and acknowledged that the retired group fought and won the right to bargain collectively in Ohio.

We Are Ohio Liaison: Dawn Wojcik

- Early voting was encouraged especially for an October 21, 2011 event in Montgomery County because of the split vote allowing the Montgomery County Board of Election to be open weekends prior to the November 8 vote. The outcome of the tie will be determined by Ohio Secretary of State John Husted.
- Our members who have been active in the effort to repeal SB 5 were acknowledged for their service including: Arnetta Depp, Sandy Freeman, Jane Rahn, Elvira Montgomery, Pat Eshbaugh, Wanda Adams, Dawn Wojcik, Jane Stanley, and others.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M (shopping ensued)

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