

## UNIT 1 MADISON COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS NEWSLETTER



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### **President's Message**

*Kathy Bredenkoetter*

Hello All!

Well, we have spring in the air and Covid shots abound...yeah!

Seriously, I hope you had a wonderful Easter and have had the opportunity to get your shot. It took a load off my shoulders knowing that I could protect myself and family from the ravages of this virus.

The Executive Committee met via zoom and discussed the possibility of a general membership meeting in late April or early May. We came to the conclusion that it is too soon to take the risk with our members health and the possibility that not many would show for the gathering anyway. Who knows? Our reasonable response was to delay our meeting until Sept. where we can gather, hopefully, with confidence. I hope and continue to pray for the circumstances to change which will create a safe environment for all of us.

Until then, we will continue to maintain contact through our newsletters.

All the best,  
Kathy

## Calendar of Events

General Membership Meetings:

- ◆ Thursday Sept 9, 2021 TBD
- ◆ Thursday Dec 9, 2021 TBD

## **Minutes: Brenda Vernatti, Secretary**

### **Madison County 1 Unit #73 Executive Committee of IRTA Meeting March 12, 2021 Zoom Meeting**

Meeting began at 10:00

#### 1. Unit meeting discussion

We discussed the possibility of a general membership meeting in late May. Jan was going to check on the outdoor venue affiliated with Elijah's P.'s and get back with us. We discussed a possible box lunch buffet where attendees could pick up their lunch and take it to their table. We are hopeful this can happen. Of course, the safety of all concerned is paramount and will eventually determine our ability to hold the meeting. Concerns regarding the outdoor venue were; seating, weather, cost and willingness to attend. We decided to get the preliminary information from the venue before proceeding.

#### 2. Tribute to Phil

All were in agreement that a permanent remembrance was appropriate. Phil was an active member of the entire community especially the Alton School District. We have several suggestions including donations to the Alton Educational Foundation and Christmas gifts to children in the district. We decided to make this a general membership meeting topic for discussion.

#### 3. Acquisition of new members

We began this process last year and the pandemic foiled our plans. However, we will proceed this year with 2020 retirees and 2021 retirees.

Kathy also brought up the subject of asking our support staff to luncheons and said she would talk with Sherry Rexford about the possible response to an invitation. IRTA has benefits that are appropriate for support as well as instructional retirees. They may want to join.

Kathy will contact Rosie to see if we can get the names of new retirees.

Ron said he would send out the most recent membership lists.

#### 4. Membership agenda item

Recruiting teachers to work with students who may have fallen behind due to the pandemic. What could that look like in the schools? Should we contact the Board Office to see what their preference would be or is there a plan in place already?

#### 5. Treasury report

Cheryl provided a financial report and indicated she was using email in addition to USPS to contact members who need to pay dues.

Bill Funkhauser was in attendance and he offered to secure a zoom meeting for us that is not on a time limit. Thank you, Bill!

The meeting time was running short so we tried to fit in a last moment discussion but the timer went off and so did we. 😊

Addendum: We were contacted by the state for auction baskets again this year for the Oct. conference. I would like to ask a committee member to chair the basket creation for Unit 1. This auction is a vital fundraiser for IRTA.

The meeting concluded at 10:40 am

Thank you, All.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Bredenkoetter

## Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Champa

**November 1, 2020-January 31, 2021**

Balance brought forward (checking):	\$4568.40
Total received	140.59
Total disbursed:	40.00
Balance on hand:	4668.99

Cheryl Champa, Treasurer



