

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREES OF OHIO

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Joan Owen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

INTRODUCTIONS: Valerie Rodgers introduced the SERO Board Members: President, Joan Owen; Past President, Sandra Lannen; Vice President, Joyce McCabe, Treasurer, Paula Branscomb; Secretary, Betty Applegate; District Representatives: Betty Bishop, Carol Davis, John Eisenhauer, and Steve Zwelling. Pat Dobec was absent from meeting due to illness. SERO Director, Valerie Rodgers and Nicole Shrestha SERO Office Manager/Media Director were present.

Speakers introduced included: Richard Stensrud and Christi Pepe from SERS, Matt Sangalli from Ameriprise and Alan Kearns from AMBA.

INVOCATION: Mrs. Betty Bishop

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Joyce McCabe, SERO Vice President

CHAPTER ROLL CALL: Joyce McCabe, Vice President. Each Chapter represented at the meeting received an expense sheet for mileage reimbursement for one car's travel to the annual meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Betty Applegate requested that members review the 2018 minutes included in their packets and dispense with the reading of the minutes. **MOTION** was made by Brenda Mitchell and second by Mary Camp. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paula Branscomb presented the Treasurer's Report and Approval of Audit to the Membership. Motion was made by Gaye Suver and seconded by Diane Eckhart to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. **MOTION** made to approve the audit report by Ernest Farrier and 2nd by Robert Rapp. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sandra Lannen presented the candidates for office as received prior to the annual meeting: John Eisenhauer, N.W. District Representative

Sandra Lannen called for nominations from the floor for Treasurer three times; there being no nominations from the floor, she declared nominations for Treasurer be closed.

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Sandra Lannen called for nominations from the floor for Northwest District Representative three times; there being no nominations from the floor, she declared nominations for Northwest District Representative.

Sandra Lannen called for nominations from the floor for Southeast District Representative three times; there being no nominations from the floor, she declared nominations for Southeast District Representative be closed.

Sandra Lannen called for nominations from the floor for Southwest District Representative three times; there being no nominations from the floor, she declared nominations for Southwest District Representative be closed.

MOTION made to approve the candidates who have qualified for their positions in the Southeast and Northwest Districts made by Betty Bishop, 2nd by Joyce McCabe. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Joyce McCabe, 2nd by Carol Davis that the two positions (Secretary and Treasurer) where no nominations came forth will be appointed. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Richard Stensrud, SERS Executive Director, thanked those present for their service in Ohio schools. He introduced SERS Executive Board members at the meeting, Cathie Moss and Beverly Woolridge as well as new SERS employees, Karen Roggenkamp and Chris Collins. He gave an overview of SERS' demographics then discussed current pension funding and future pension and health care sustainability efforts. Richard spoke about some priorities in 2019 as well as a brief update on the WEP. Richard then took some questions from the members.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Christi Pepe, SERS Health Care Director, shared status of the healthcare fund at SERS with income and liabilities along with enrollment figures. Christi spoke on the Wraparound program at SERS and the hopes they can influence legislators to continue the program. She gave enrollment figures on Dental and VSP plans and encouraged members to use the plans. SERS has extended the pharmacy contract with ESI for 3 more years.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Matt Sangalli with Ameriprise spoke about his role at Ameriprise and the need for retirees to plan and review their investments even in their retirement

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Alan Kearns, AMBA, presented information of the benefits offered by AMBA to SERO members and spoke about new "Lunch and Learn" meetings they can host for SERO members in local areas.

Presentations of appreciation were given to outgoing SERO District Representatives, Betty Bishop and Donna Hawkins. Donna's award was accepted by Paula Branscomb.

There was a short Q & A session held for Chapter Leaders and members and general questions.

ELECTION RESULTS: Nominees were Carol Davis, Southeast District Representative and John Eisenhauer Northwest District Representative.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Sandra Lannen administered the Oath of Office to elected and appointed officers: Carol Davis, John Eisenhauer, Paula Branscomb and Betty Applegate.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Pat Rullo, “Speak up and Stay Alive” radio talk show host. Pat gave heartwarming stories of her mother’s illness and hospitalization along with helpful tips on staying healthy and safe in the medical arena.

NEW BUSINESS: SERO President announced that SERO was undergoing some document reviews and that a membership vote would be held on some changes to the SERO Constitution and By-Laws for our 2020 Annual Meeting. She also announced there would be an increase in the registration fees for the meeting next year. Annual Meeting dates set are as follows at the Villa Milano: May 12, 2020, and May 11, 2021.

Distribution of Door Prizes and Raffles.

MOTION was made by Brenda Mitchell and 2nd by Paula Branscomb for adjournment at 1:48 p.m.