**WOEA-R CHAIR REPORT – September 2019**

**2019 is the 30th Anniversary of WOEA-R. Members plan to focus on that using “30” when making donations to Artemis (30 pencils, 30 notebooks,$30 gift cards etc), donating books for the Read Across America project, FCPE contributions, members attending events.**

Marge Punter encourages members to bring items for Artemis for each meeting. School, personal items and gift cards are needed. Book bags will be needed in September. The following have donated items already for this year: Sandy Dobberstein, Marge Punter, Peg Green, Bonnie Bosovich, Phil A. Long.

FCPE contributions between September 2018 and June 2019 - $1063. The contributions from 21 individuals is greatly appreciated. Dawn Wojcik will continue to provide members with legislative information.

**Willie Terrill and Phil A. Long attended the NEA-R Annual Meeting and the NEA Representative Assembly in Houston, Texas the first of July representing WOEA-R and OEA-R. Many of the new business items reflect the current atmosphere in the country as they centered around social justice, equality, the border situation – all focusing on how children are impacted. Willie and Phil appreciate being able to attend the HR awards, the LGBTQ dinner,and WOEA dinner. Both delegates attended all caucuses and meetings and represented you well.**

**Elections were held for WOEA-R officers at the June meeting. Chair: Phil A. Long; Vice Chair: March/April – Marge Punter; May/June – Bonnie Bozovich; Secretary: Lori Moodie; Treasurer: Sandy Dobberstein. Wayne Wlodarski will be the newsletter editor. Several others will continue.**

Jennie Furnas was thanked for 6 years as secretary and Sandy Dobberstein 3 years as vice chair.

Joni Watson, pre-retired will represent WOEA-R with the OEA New Educators project.

Wayne Wlodarski edited an amazing WOEA-R newsletter for September-October. If you did not receive a copy, let me know.

WOEA-R members Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, and Phil A. Long are attending Leadership Uniserv Council meetings in WOEA. Assignments are: Sandy Dobberstein: Far West, Western, Miami A&B; Jane Rahn: Greene County and Happy Trails; Phil A. Long: Grand Lake and Grand Old River. The response has been very positive. The cooperation and support of the LRCs is greatly appreciated. OEA-R is working on an NEA grant/project to reach Early Career Educators. WOEA-R has been reaching out to young educators.

WOEA-R donated $50 to the DEA Scholarship Fund as appreciation for using the DEA office for mailings.

**Join at any time during your employment the WOEA/OEA/NEA-Retired. You and your membership are priceless!Join Online : www.nea.org/JoinNea or join by contacting your local leader and asking for a pre-retirement form, or contact Membership at OEA 225 E. Broad Street, Box 2250 Columbus, OH 43216 and request a paper form for PreRetired OEA-R/NEA-R. Then fill out form and mail in with your check.**

**Val Roldan, chair for Read Across America, encourages members to volunteer to read for March 2020. Let her know of your interest.**

Keep all WOEA-R members in your thoughts.

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