

REPORT ON IRTA FALL WORKSHOP -- LOGANSPORT, 9/27/16

Meeting Held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport

Attending: Dave Kelly, Frank Walker, Larry Crabb, Karen Ward

1. Legislative Presentation -- Tom Mellish, Exec. Director

Difference between DB/DB Pension Programs -- issue before Gen. Assy.

Behind the Scenes Lobbying by **ALEC** (American Legislative Exchange Council) -- model bills on education reform, labor law (right- to-work, pensions), etc. source of ready-made "cookie cutter" bills introduced in legislatures all over country, including Indiana.

2. IRTA New Website -- www.retiredteachers.org -- Barry Conrad, Treas.

Comprehensive listing of program, officers, committees, and member benefits program. ("Like" IRTA on Facebook for continuing information from IRTA on Current Issues, Programs, Benefits, legislative concerns/lobbying efforts)

3. Attorney General -- Presentation on Fraud Prevention-- Barb Miller

Excellent and entertaining program...to be scheduled for WCRTA

4. New Scholarship Application -- Due April 28, 2017 IRTA Office

See application, www.retiredteachers.org

Who is eligible?

IRTA Family Member -- child, grandchild, niece/nephew, legal dependent -- enrolled in Indiana college/university in Education Program to become teacher...sophomore or junior for grant following year.

5. Linda Morris -- President, IRTA Foundation

Programs, growth of benefits, funding methods to support Fdtn.

Presentation by Karen Ward, our Rep on Fdtn.

6. Membership Drive -- find one new member each and dbl membership in coming year--20K to 40 K; stress belonging to both **WCRTA** for fun and fellowship and **NRTA** for state legis lobbying for pension protection, COLA, 13th Check, member benefits...can also enroll family members for assoc. benefits like insurance, discounts, etc.