



Effingham County Retired Teachers Association
Effingham, IL 62401

Evergreen Hollow Park
1201 N. Maple Street
Effingham, IL
Nov. 10, 2021
12:00 pm

Agenda:

1. Call to order- Phil Lewis
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's minutes from the October 13 meeting- Phil Lewis
4. Treasurer's report- Greg Smith
5. Old business
 - a. IRTA convention results- William Funkhouser new IRTA president
 - b. COVID 19 and Delta variant still around- schools, churches, restaurants?
 - c. other
6. New business
 - a. Winter hiatus until April 13, 2022.
 - b. Florida bound members? Beware of Covid 19 and Delta variant there.
 - c. Bipartisan infrastructure bill passed and is now law. \$1.2 trillion for roads, bridges, broadband, mass transit, rail, airports, ports, and waterways. New money will also improve the electric grid and water systems. A nationwide system of electric car chargers will be established.
 - d. Recent death of April Kautzner, Ron's widow, on Oct. 18, 2021
 - e. Kids 5-11 can now get the Covid shots
 - f. Principals getting a lot of blowbacks from parents over mask mandates, vaccines, etc. Lawsuits are coming
 - g. Illinois schools are the first to require teaching about Asian history in public schools.
 - h. Critical Race Theory a new topic to deal with in schools.
 - i. America lost 1.4 million students during the pandemic. It will create academic, financial, and staffing problems for years to come.
 - j. Illinois lawmakers limit seclusion and restraint in schools.
 - k. Teacher salaries and substitute pay being increased looking for teachers.
 - l. Other
7. Drawings by Tammy Schroeder and Ardel Huntington