



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 am - Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Jane McCauley, Katherine Philippe, Bob Kaplan, Bob Lyons, Reinhard Taylor, Liz White, Mark Baumstein, Linda Wagner, Carolyn White, Barb DiGaudio, Doris Haack, Janice Calvey, Karl Heinz Gabbey, Marna Baumstein, Bernie Kamenear

1. Minutes (Linda Wallin) from April 1, 2020 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Ratter) was approved.

3. President's Report (Jane McCauley)

4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2020

Summer Luncheon is postponed until further notice

New member breakfast, September 2

Legislative breakfast, October 9

December luncheon December 4

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) Currently 714 members
224 are life members, 50 people did not renew from 2019.

Member Benefits: (Janice Calvey) There will be a new benefit for members shortly.

Information Services: (Reinhard Taylor) Events have been updated on the web site
The newsletter was emailed to 651 members.

Reinhard looked into using Stripe to let people pay online. The fee is 30 cents plus 2.9% of the transaction, so \$10 yearly (set up as recurring) would cost . \$59. \$40 for five years would be \$1.46 and \$100 life membership would cost \$3.20. This would mean less work for Sandy.

The State IRTA has started a Struggling Units Ad Hoc Committee. They are looking at remote meetings. This affects the number of regions that are viable. They are looking at MemberPlanet Software which costs \$10,000 plus \$1500 a month.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) The state got more volunteers than students for helping kids with remote learning.

Foundation: (Doris Haack) No report

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) We have gotten newsletters returned with "Temporarily Away" They were put on 30 days hold and after that not being forwarded. It was suggested and agreed upon to get the Newsletters out before the Board meetings

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Legislature, general assembly and judicial branches have shut down. Pritzker is using emergency powers act. He has focused exclusively on health crisis.

TRS: (Bob Lyons) TRS is doing pretty well, considering how the economy is doing. Went down from \$54 billion to \$50 billion. The hedge funds have done exactly what they were supposed to do. In a down market they have gone up. Mitch McConnell's comment about state bankruptcy has caused some anxiety. State cannot declare bankruptcy. Bonds owners would not allow it. State commission fees are .6%. \$30,000.

6. Miscellaneous

No decision has been made to open the senior center in May. That would occur at Phase 3. We are one of the last groups to be released from quarantine. This would be time to submit next year's meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Meeting Schedule for 2020:

2/5, 3/4 (Newsletter), 4/1, 5/6 (Newsletter), 6/3, 8/4 (Newsletter), 9/2, 10/7 and 11/4 (Newsletter).

No meetings in July and December