



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 10:05 am - Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Robert Ferguson, Karl Gabby, Bernard Kamenear, Robert Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Robert Lyons, Jane McCauley, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White, Michael Wietlispach, Janette Wanner, Kathy Lange and Marlene Donehey

1. Minutes January 6, 2021 minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Linda Wallin) The treasurer's report was approved.

Currently there is \$2655 in the Doris Haack scholarship account. These funds have been sent with many kind notes about Doris. Any additional contributions may be sent to Linda. Linda will renew a CD now at 6 month for the next 6 months. A donation of \$50 for the foundation was entered in memory of Carl Flacks. Notes to Carl's family will be sent by Janette.

3. President's Report (Jane McCauley) Jane will be back from Florida on the 21st. The IRTA biannual convention will be October 18 and 19, 2021 (currently planned to be in person) and an Area 2 Conference in June (date not confirmed at this time).

The IRTA-PAC fund is currently at \$24,500.

IRTA Executive Director-Jim Bachman is looking to retire and interviewing for a replacement in the future.

Foundation grants are listed for incoming Juniors and Seniors in a field of education with a deadline of March 7 and for working teachers the 2021 Excellence in Education Grants are due June 1.

4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2020 (Liz White) No report at this time as Liz White was not present.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) We currently have 708 active members, 225 are Life members. Reminders are being sent to members that have not yet renewed.

Foundation: Recently deceased from our unit: Kathleen M Ferguson . A donation will be sent by our treasurer.

Member Benefits: (Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey) Janice Calvey attended the IRTA Member Benefits Committee Zoom Meeting on January 21, 2021. A copy of the minutes of that meeting was sent to all Board Members. Those minutes resulted in much discussion about dental plans including a lower cost option that may be up and running by May 1. However; the current dental plan and vision plan will remain the same. Larry Newman is offering Zoom meetings for units to present IRTA benefits. AMBA is conducting "Benefits Reviews" via Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021.

Communications/Website: (Reinhard Taylor) The website is updated. Units are encouraged to participate in a Unit of Distinction Challenge. A unit can get a \$250 reward from the State IRTA if it can report a "yes" to 18 of the suggested activities of their unit. Reinhard will send a copy of this to all Board members for review and suggestions.

Information Services: (Reinhard Taylor). State Zoom meeting on March 3rd.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) No report.

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) February 22 2021 is the deadline to send reports for the newsletter.

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Karl Welch replaces Madigan. The Pritzker budget will be presented on the Feb 17th.

TRS: (Bob Lyons) Larry Pfeiffer was the only candidate with 500 signatures and will be automatically re-elected to the Board.

Other: The North Shore IRTA Unit Zoom or Streaming will be Feb 18.

Meeting Schedule for 2020: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Next Meeting by Zoom on February, 3, 2021.