



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting called to order by Jane McCauley at 10:01 am.

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Frank Compton, Karl Gabbey, Gerie Kay, Robert Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Janette Wanner, and Carolyn White

- 1. Minutes** June 2, 2021 minutes were approved and provided online.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Linda Wallin*) The Treasurer's Report was approved. The current CD is up for renewal. After discussion of the 1 year interest of 0.01% or a nine year at 0.19%, it was agreed that we would continue with a yearly renewal. Motion made and approved
- 3. President's Report** (*Jane McCauley*) Plans are still underway for the IRTA October Convention at Crown Plaza in Springfield. Phone directly 217-529-7777 for hotel reservations. \$112 group rate. IRTA Block-Group Code R7E or booking link online 10.2021 IRTA. Convention fee \$45 and Meals \$100.00 will be paid for Unit 90 delegates. The Convention Registration Form is on the State Website. There is concern about the low number of members planning to attend. Jane will survey and reply with a count.

Suggested Bylaw change: VP of the unit would serve for 2 years and then progress to president for the next 2 years. This commitment would insure an easy transition and an experienced president.

- 4. Unit 90 Events for 2021** There are 4 tickets remaining for Day at the Races. If not sold to Unit 90 members by August, we will offer the tickets to other units.

Discussion about the Holiday Luncheon at Inverness, tentatively scheduled for December 3. Plated lunches range from \$21 to \$26 with \$5 additional for salad and \$8 for dessert. A traditional Breakfast Buffet would cost \$24. Tax and gratuity would be added to any of the above.

Plays at Drury Lane will start up Sept. 25 and Paramount has posted the following: Cinderella Nov. 1, 2021, and in 2022 Ground Hog Day followed by Rock of Ages.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) We currently have 670 active members, 233 are Life members (15 of those are 90 years or older) and 590 are State members. 114 members are due to renew at the end of the year 2021. 614 members use email and 56 use USPS.

Foundation: (*Diane Pfister*) -Recently deceased Unit 90 members: Brad Sims, Ann Treppa, Walter Bachir, Katherine Sherman, Len Burt.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Nothing new to report.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) The website has been updated. Reinhard presented copies of a statistical report for our IRTA - Unit 90 Membership. Newsletter will be sent out by email tomorrow.

Information Services: (*Reinhard Taylor*).

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) Information in Newsletter.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) The August Newsletter has been sent by USPS mail.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) No news to report.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) Investments are doing very well. Assets have increased 52-62 billion, which is better than ever for our retirement fund. There are still concerns over unanswered questions as to the replacement of five top administrators including Richard Ingram, who resigned after being placed on administrative leave on August 3. The Board's replies have indicated that things done in executive session cannot be shared.

Other:

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2021: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in March, May, August and November

Next Meeting on September 1, 2021