

Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10:00 am - Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting called to order by Bob Lyons at 10:00 am

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Gabbey, Alice Kaczmarek, Gerie Kay, Bob Lyons, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White, Liz White

- **1. Minutes** (*Geri Kay*) February 2, 2022 Minutes were approved.
- **2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Copies of January 15- February 15 were reviewed.

Reinhard reported that all Unit 90 accounts, including the CD (\$15,000) are now held in one place- Chase Bank.

3. President's Report (Bob Lyons-Vice President) Our Unit has received The Unit of Distinction Award from IRTA. A certificate and check for \$250 will be presented to Unit 90 at the next IRTA state convention.

The proposed event for March at the Paramount Theater in Aurora has been canceled due to lack of interest. Thank you to Liz White for her efforts to plan the activity.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2022 (*Liz White*) Since Inverness Country Club is currently in the process of remodeling, the area where we normally have our luncheons is being used by the club for small events and a members bar. As of today, March 2, 2022, the club is opening their calendar. Liz suggested that our Unit get "penciled in" for a future date within the first week of September. The 7th of September will be our targeted date for the Legislative Breakfast.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) We currently have 633 active members. 236 are Life members (14 of those are 90 years or older) and 588 are also State IRTA members. 611 members use email and 52 use USPS.

43 have memberships that expired at the end of 2021 and have not yet renewed. Dues are \$10 for one year, \$40 for five years and \$100 for life membership.

Foundation: (*Diane Pfister*) -Recently deceased Unit 90 Members:

Michael Wietlispach , Brendan Flynn, Lavern Boelkens, Maxine Titre, Marilyn Miller Robbie Murphy- Elliott, Elwood Hughes

Cards have been sent to the families and a donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Watch for AMBA benefits by mail or email. You must be an IRTA state member to take advantage of these benefits, such as discounts for Dell, etc. The dental benefits have immediate coverage.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) Reinhard is currently working on the next directory. Please be sure your information is up to date.

We'll include a statement of support for the Ukrainian people on our website.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) Unit 90 volunteers are needed for Feed My Starving Children 9 am-10:45 am on April 20,2022. FMSC is located at 740 Wiley Ct. Schaumburg (due west of Costco on Meacham Rd.).

Set up transportation and lunch plans on your own.

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) March newsletters have been mailed or emailed to members. The deadline for information for our next newsletter is April 25. If you have any ideas or articles for our newsletter please send them to Jane or Reinhard. Including member biographies have been suggested. Submit a biography, if you so choose.

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Coffee with Jim Bachman,- IRTA Executive Director March 11 at 9:30 am and Virtual Happy Hour March 18 at 7-8 pm.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) TRS has filed suit against State of Illinois. CMS (Department of Central Management Services) has made changes to the Teacher's Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS). An actuary report indicates that the reductions of payments by the State will cause failure of the health system in 1-3 years. Health care is a benefit of our pension which cannot be diminished. For additional information see p.7 of the March Newsletter.

Job Description Committee (*Reinhard Taylor, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Janice Calvey, Bob Kaplan*) This committee has prepared lists which explain the duties of all IRTA Unit 90 Board member positions. Lists were distributed to all current board members with said position to review.

Other Business/Concerns: Mark Boumstein suggested the following resolution to the Board. All were in agreement. A donation may be sent once we find the best place to send donations. This will be further discussed at our next Board meeting. Bring suggestions.

IRTA Unit 90 supports the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2022: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December). Newsletters in March, May, August and November