

Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10:00 am - Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting called to order by Jane McCauley at 10:06 am

Attendance: Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Frank Compton, Karl Gabbey, Gerie Kay, Robert Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

- 1. Minutes (Gerie Kay) April 6, 2022 Minutes were approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Reinhard Taylor) Treasurers report was approved.
- **3. President's Report** (Jane McCauley) At our next meeting on June 1 we will have two guests: Our Area 2 Chair, Wendy Wiegers and a scholarship recipient, Stevie Burton. The 2022 IRTA Area 2 Conference will be on June 9 via Zoom.
- 4. Unit 90 Events for 2022 (Liz White) No report

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) We currently have 628 active members, 236 are life members (14 of those are 90 years or older) and 553 are also State IRTA members. 577 members use email and 51 use USPS.

Note that a one year free membership is sent to spouse of deceased members. We have removed former members who did not renew for 2022 from our membership list. Many new State IRTA members are not teachers but want the insurance benefits and are joining.

Foundation: (*Diane Pfister*) Recently deceased Unit 90 Members: Harold Connel and Gary Peterson. Cards have been sent to the families and a donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey) Rich presented a revision of ASK WHAT THE ILLINOIS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (IRTA) HAS DONE FOR YOU? and Major Legislative Accomplishments that the IRTA Actively Supported. This revision is titled IRTA is the organization that works exclusively for retired teachers. The revision updates the support of IRTA for legislative accomplishments through 2016.

Janice presented the results of the Member Benefits Survey (March 2022). We discussed the items included in the survey. (See the full report of the survey in attachment).

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) The May 2022 Newsletter is being sent out. Our website http://www.irta-unit90.org is up-to-date.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) 16 volunteers participated in our Feed my Staving Children event on April 20. Carolyn suggested we repeat this in the Fall 2022. Please note that our volunteer events are for activities that volunteer our time and not money and/or goods.

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) Our next newsletter will go out in August, 2022. If you have any ideas or articles for our newsletter, send them to Jane or Reinhard.

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the \$46.5 billion balanced budget into law on April 19, 2022. It will go into effect on July 1, 2022, the start of the fiscal year. This budget includes \$250 million repayment of Illinois' debt to TRS and certified funding amounts to to TRIP. See the full report in attachment.

TRS: (Bob Lyons) Pensions. Social Security. Savings. See Bob's full report in the May 4th IRTA-Unit 90 newsletter.

Other Business/Concerns: The board discussed procedures for making a motion and the following topics: Constitution changes, motions, quorum, sending proposals to the board, etc.

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

Next Meeting on June 1, 2022 10:00 am at Arlington Heights Senior Center