



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 10:10 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Frank Compton, Karl Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Barbara Riske, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

- 1. Minutes** (*Gerie Kay*) April 5, 2023 Minutes were approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report was approved. Discussion about the \$15,000 CD - this is planned to be moved at next opportunity.
- 3. President's Report** (*Jane McCauley*) The minutes from IRTA Foundation Executive Committee Zoom Meeting- April 18, 2023, that were forwarded to us by Wendy Wieggers, were discussed. Wendy was concerned about the Convention Committee being composed of administration and not offering opportunities for members to participate. Many were in agreement with that, yet it is difficult to get volunteers to commit to join committees. We will present an IRTA scholarship to Vivian Zhao at our June Luncheon. AMBA representatives will be present to speak about benefits.
- 4. Unit 90 Events for 2023** (*Linda Wagner*) The Unit 90 June Luncheon is June 16 at Inverness Golf Club in Palatine. The deadline for purchase of the luncheon tickets is June 6. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Linda will help with the raffle. Carolyn will handle the drink tickets. (20 luncheon tickets sold as of today).
Our visit to a Boomers baseball game is set for June 25. \$30 per person. \$20 goes for food. Seating behind home plate. Handicap seats available.(6 Boomers tickets sold as of today)

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) The membership report was distributed. Unit 90 currently has 565 members, 502 of these are also state members, and 241 are Life members. Barbara Riske sent 40 postcards to those members of our unit who have not renewed their membership for 2020 or 2021. Here is the handwritten message sent:

"Hello _____
We miss you! Your membership strengthens IRTA
STRONG IRTA = STRONG PROTECTIONS for Illinois' retired teachers.
Please consider renewing. Thanks,
You will find a membership application form on our website www.irta-unit90.org

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) -Diane reported that Evelyn Smith from District 64 - Park Ridge-Niles has passed. A card has been sent to the family and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Diane presented revisions on the pamphlet for Unit 90. Copies for review will be sent to Board by email.

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

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) Website is up to date. May newsletter will be sent out soon.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) Carolyn reported that 18 Unit 90 members, family and friends were at Feed My Starving Children on Feb. 15 from 9:00 to 10:45. Everyone had a good time and felt it was a worthwhile experience.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) Newsletters dated May 3, 2023 were mailed today to members without email. Email copies will be sent soon.

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Nothing new to report

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) The General Assembly will adjourn May 19.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) See Bob's complete report in the May 3 Unit 90 newsletter. Some Highlights: Experts say that Congress will reform Social Security making it possible for Social Security to be there for young people in the future. Currently the average Social Security benefit is \$22,000 a year. The five state pension funds are TRS, SURS, SERS, JRS,GARS. TRS is 43.8% funded. May 9 2023 is the 9th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that the state's attempt to diminish our pensions is unconstitutional. Currently TRS has a suit before the court to protect our health care.

Other:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Meeting Schedule for 2023: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in March, May, August and November

Next Meeting on June 7, 2023