



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 9:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Jane McCauley 10:05 am.

Attendance: Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wallin, Linda Wagner, Carolyn White

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) October 4, 2023 Minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report was approved. Most of the IRTA Convention expenses have been reimbursed.

3. President's Report (*Jane McCauley*) We reviewed the 2023 Biennial Conventional Report as sent to us by Area 2 Rep Wendy Wieggers. Our Unit had 10 delegates. We were a *Unit of Distinction*. Elizabeth While was our Unit Honoree. Rainy Kaplan is the newly elected IRTA Vice President. Bob Lyons is Regional Director. The new IRTA Executive Director (paid staff) is Jessica Newbold Hoselton.

Resolution for state dues increase approved: Dues deduct will be \$3.50 per month (\$42 a year) and Life Membership will increase from \$400 to \$600 after Dec.31.

Constitutional change passed: Prior to the Biennial Convention, **all active members** shall have the ability to elect State officers and Area Representatives in their respective areas electronically or written. See Wendy's report for more details.

Jane McCauley, our Unit 90 President for four years has decided not to run again. We discussed election of officers for 2024-25. The following were nominated and have volunteered to be our Unit 90 officers for 2024-25 as outlined in our constitution which can be found on our website at: <http://www.irta-unit90.org/business/index.html> President: Mark Boumstein, Vice-President: Janice Calvey, Secretary: Gerie Kay and Treasurer: Reinhard Taylor. We will induct them at the Holiday Luncheon on December 7.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2023 (*Linda Wagner*) The 2023 Holiday Luncheon for Unit 90 will be held on Thursday, December 7 at Inverness Golf Club. The reservations deadline will be Monday, November 27. \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. The District 54 Jazz Band will entertain.

Future activity: Tickets for *Overshadowed* production April 13, 2pm Murder on the Orient Express will be available soon. Linda took a head count of those present who would like to attend. Contact her if you are interested. There were many positive reviews from those who attended Singing in the Rain at *Overshadowed* in July. Linda will continue to investigate other possible locations for our events.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Currently we have 580 members in unit 90. 516 of those are also state IRTA members and 242 are Life members.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Pamela Petersen of Dist 214 has recently died. A card has been sent to the family and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Look over the recent TRAIL information note that your renewal is automatic.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Unit 90 newsletter (Volume 2013 Issue 4) was sent today (November 1, 2023).

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) *Kids Above All* is collecting toys Dec 6th. We have a date scheduled for *Feed My Starving Children* on January 17, 2023 9-10:45.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) 40 USPS mailings of the Unit 90 Newsletter have been mailed today

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Our Facebook page has been more active.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) Fall Veto session is in process. Public Act 100-0465 Invest in Kids Act 35ILCS is due to expire but may be extended. This Act allows income tax credits for taxpayers who make authorized contributions to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). The SGOs, in turn, provide scholarships for eligible Illinois students to attend qualified non-public schools in Illinois.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) See November 1 Newsletter article p.2 for Bob's report. THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR TRS FINANCES IMPROVED; STATE FY25 CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASE BY 2.7%

Other: .

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2024: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in March, May, August and November

Next Meeting on January 3, 2024 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center