



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein 10:05 am.

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Carolyn White

- 1. Minutes (Gerie Kay)** The minutes from November 1, 2023, were approved as provided online. An informational meeting of the Board was called to order by Jane McCauley at 1:43 pm on December 7, 2023 after the Luncheon and the entertainment from the Dist. 54 Jazz Band. President : Mark Boumstein, Vice-President: Janice Calvey, Secretary: Gerie Kay, and Treasurer: Reinhard Taylor were inducted as Unit 90 Officers for 2024-2025. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Reinhard Taylor)** The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- 3. President's Report (Mark Boumstein)** We need to focus on ways to bring in new members and keep the number of members we have. Let us develop a speakers forum. Speakers who would interest members to attend our meetings. Please present your ideas and suggestions of speakers at our next meeting.
Mark will explore the meanings of "not-for profit" and "non profit". Currently Unit 90 is considered a non profit. Since our CD's are gaining interest and we have revenue from membership dues, we need to determine if we must file for State income tax.
The Life IRTA State membership fee has increased from \$400 to \$600 and the five year membership has been eliminated.
- 4. Unit 90 Events for 2024 (Linda Wagner)** The 2023 Holiday Luncheon for Unit 90 held at Inverness Golf Club went well. There were two requests for a refund. A motion was made to send a refund of \$35 to two persons who could not attend. One due to death and the other due to being in Hospice. Seconded and passed. 9-4. These refunds will be sent with funds from the Unit 90 treasury. It was decided that future fliers or information pertaining to events would state that there would be no refunds after the deadline stated as the reservation deadline.
Future activity: -Tickets for Overshadowed production April 13, 2pm Murder on the Orient Express were sold . As of today there are 3 tickets remaining.
Liz White suggested we reserve the dates at Inverness for the June Luncheon and the Holiday Luncheon as they are now available. We have been pleased with the events at Inverness but some are concerned about the cost of the food. We will continue to investigate possible other locations for our events and welcome suggestions.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) 63 memberships have expired as of January 1, 2024. Reminders were sent to those whose memberships had expired with hopes that they would renew. Total members currently at 515.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Timothy Dunn - District 220, Marcia Hammond - District 214, Donald Tantillo - District 214, and Rosalie Streng- District 207 have passed. Cards have been sent to the family and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) The state is considering adding vision and dental to our benefits. Will AMBA coverage for vision or dental be better than that of the state proposal, or less than the state proposed coverage? Please contact Janice or Rich if you hear any info regarding these benefits.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) Reminders were sent to encourage members to renew. Our number of members indicates there is strength in our organization. Strength in numbers benefits us all.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) Jane and Carolyn went to *Kids Above All* to help wrapping gifts on Dec 6th. We have a date scheduled for *Feed My Starving Children* on January 17, 2023 at 9-10:45.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) 35 members are receiving USPS mailing instead of email for the newsletter. This number is declining and saving money. The next issue of our Newsletter will be sent in March.

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

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) Currently we are in the Santa Claus Rally (The market's tendency to gain at the end of the year). Illinois TRS is the 38th largest system in the United States and the largest in Illinois.

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) No report

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) No report

Other Business: Please review the duties of your position on the Board and send corrections or additions to Reinhard.

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 February 7, 2024 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center