



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Heinz-Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from February 7, 2024 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mark suggested that additional details be added to the monthly treasurer's report to indicate the purpose of expenses. (i.e the gift card purchase for Jane). Reinhard renewed the CD at a better rate 4.5% for 9 months

3. President's Report (*Mark Boumstein*) Thank you to Janice for presiding over the February meeting.

Mark, with the approval of the Board, re-appointed the Committee chairs. Mark spoke with Donnie Ostrom regarding the need to file the E-postcard. Much discussion was had whether or not we have more than \$5,000 of revenue or not. There were concerns of a possible penalty. Mark will call Erica Pinkley at IRTA for additional information on the matter. Speakers Forum - Mark mentioned that we could get the speakers, but asked if we would want a larger audience than our board meetings. Mark reported that IRTA president Mike Schmidt mentioned in the virtual conference that we need to have members more actively involved. As a unit, our goal should be a more concerted effort to get people involved. Some ideas: bus trips, luncheons, bring a member and get a discount for our luncheon. We need gimmicks to get people to attend. Mark will also contact the North Shore Unit to collaborate.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2024 (*Linda Wagner*) Linda Wagner thanked us for support in the past few months. The play *Murder on the Orient Express* is sold out (our tickets). The Spring Luncheon is Friday, May 31. The banquet menu and cost was received. Motion to charge \$35 per person was seconded and approved. Janice added that the new director of the state IRTA might be available to speak.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Report was handed out.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Grants are available for current teachers, deadline approaching.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) There will be a Zoom meeting for the State Committee on March 12

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) Newsletter items are due. There will be a last appeal to join. Website will be updated with current minutes.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) No report

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) Newsletter will go out next Wednesday

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) The Legislative session will end May 24. The Governor has goals to fund TRS to 90% by 2045 and 100% by 2048. There are several other bills of interest - mentioned in the IRTA Legislative newsletter: HB 4580, HB 4662, HB 4972

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) No report

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Linda reminded everyone that they can add content to the Facebook page. She has some ideas to get more activity.

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) Bob and Reinhard will get together soon to create Bylaws for the Unit.

Other Business: Discussion of the Spam emails
Carolyn asked if anyone else is being required to make payments to hospitals by Aetna and then getting reimbursed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

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

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