



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein at 10:00 am

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, John Braglia, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Louise Finton, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Herb Rangl and Linda Wagner. **Guest** Ken W.

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from February 5, 2025 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for February 2025 was approved as sent online.

3. President's Report (*Mark Boumstein*) Bob Kaplan is running for District 54 School Board on April 1. Jane Russel is suggested for District 211 School Board. Congratulations to Rainy Kaplan as our new TRS Annuitant Trustee. Unit 90 again earned the *IRTA Unit of Distinction* award and received \$250. Social Security retro checks are being paid from January 2024 through February 2025 if you're eligible. Check the SS website for details: [SS Fairness Act](#). At the legislative luncheon I asked all the legislators and candidates about the problem of Tier 1 employees getting a new job such as a teacher at a junior college or obtaining a job at a public school and being treated as a Tier 2 employee in violation of the Reciprocal Act. IRTA is now filing an *amicus curiae* brief on this in a pending case. And HR1226 (raise age to 87 for Drivers Test) is introduced.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2025 (*Linda Wagner*) Our spring luncheon will be at Inverness Golf Club on Friday, June 13. A violinist for entertainment will be contacted and, if available, will be at the luncheon. We'll attend a Boomers baseball game at Wintrust on July 6, 2025. Tickets are \$30 and include \$20. for food and drink. Fliers will be in the next Newsletter. The play on Sunday, April 5, 2025 at *Overshadowed Theater* in Medinah. \$21.85 per ticket. This is a comedy entitled A Play that Goes Wrong. (optional dinner after the show at Villaggio Ristorante, 1242 Lake Street, Roselle, IL)

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) 551 members are active in Unit 90. 489 of those are also active State IRTA members. 248 are Life members. (9 are 90 years or older).

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Cards have been sent to the family of James Littwin, Dist 220 Barrington and Joseph Prendergast, Dist 214. Memorial donations have been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Webinars are online.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) No report.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) Dates for volunteer activities Feed My Starving Children (to be announced) and Kids Above All- May 6 and August 5

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) Next Newsletter is May 7

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) Absent (Report phoned in) Many bills are in process: HB1651 (Trip Trail) HB 2711 (age of retirement) SB130 (fossil fuel) SB1668 (funding goal) And JB proposed spending plan of 78 million for 2026.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) On the horizon, **Illinois Policy** for state wide limit of our pension. This is unconstitutional. Watch for upcoming referendum when voting April 1.

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Our Facebook has had 446 views, 78 people and 5 new followers.

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) No report.

Other Business: IRTA Convention is October 27 and 28 with the 70th Anniversary Celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2025: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on April 2, 2025 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center