

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

MAY 2, 2007

Submitted by Frank Compton

Present:

Frank Compton, Bobby Reinhardt, Bob Lyons, Doris Haack, Jeanne Arcus, Jesse Macro, Marybelle Macro, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekass, Liz White, Bill McCauley, Rich Chierico, Mary Lou Tansey, Reinhard Taylor. **Guests:** Joan Howdle, Bill Bailey, June Janetzke.

1) Treasurer's Report (Len Kortekass)

2) President's Report (Doris Haack)

At the IRTA Directors Meeting on 4/25/07 political endorsements were not discussed. This issue was referred to the Fall Convention, but we do not know if the Board of Directors considered this same issue. We are supposed to recognize one member of our unit. Marybelle Macro made a motion to honor Roger Steingraber, seconded by Mary Lou Tansey, which passed unanimously. Over a thousand dollars was raised for ICARE, and there is a call for baskets to be used in a silent auction at the Convention. The Area 2 Conference will take place on Thursday, May 31 at the Holiday Inn in Elgin. The following plan to attend: Frank Compton, Rich Chierico, Jeanne Arcus Roger Steingraber, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekass, Bob Lyons, Doris Haack, and Mary Lou Tansey. The Unit will pay expenses. The Website, www.irta-unit90.org, continues its success. There were 4 more hits per day in April with a total of 123 as compared to 109 in March. Jeanne Arcus will try to find pictures from the Hinchliff Tour to post on the Website. Many thanks to Reinhard Taylor for his great skill and dedication.

3) Leadership Search (Bill McCauley and Bob Lyons)

Bill and Bob are working on this task.

4) Bill Hinchliff Tour (Jeanne Arcus)

50 people came to experience a great tour. Thanks to Jeanne and all who helped make this another success. April 22 of 2008 is reserved for us for another Hinchliff Tour.

5) New Retirees Report (Bill McCauley)

Thus far we have about 175 from all districts except for District 15.

6) Summer Luncheon (Liz White)

This event will take place on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at the Inverness Golf Club with a cost of \$ 20.00 per person with a subsidy of \$ 4.00 by Unit 90. The Menu will offer a choice of Shrimp Spinach Salad, California Citrus Salad with Chicken, or Chicken Marsala, served with fresh vegetable soup and Peach Bread Pudding. Bob Lyons will handle the program and cover the endorsement issue if we have more information by that time while Marybelle Macro will be in charge of programs and greeters. Valet Parking will be \$ 3.00 per car. Roger will run the

REPAC Raffle with Liz White selling beverage tickets. The Social Hour begins at 11:00am with Lunch at noon and the Program at 1:00pm.

7) New Retirees Breakfast (Rich Chierico and Marybelle Macro)

We will pay for the breakfast and try to recruit people. It would be effective if individuals had a personal invitation. Liz White suggested separate breakfasts in the areas where the teachers taught. Further discussion followed with the idea of turning this over to a committee of Liz White, Jesse Macro, and Bob Lyons.

8) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

This will be the third notice for 68 people who need to renew. We have 855 paid up members with 175 new retirees to be contacted.

Hospitality (Marybelle Macro)

The December 5 Holiday Luncheon is set at the Meridian at a cost of \$24.00 which includes tax and tip. The Prairie Singers are an entertainment possibility.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich handed out the Menu for The Day at The Races.

Legislation (Bob Lyons)

At this point on the issue of the Gross Receipts Tax, the IEA endorsed it while the IFT did not because of the charter school issue. All this could change. Mike Madigan wants the rate freeze on electricity. Ameron gave large discounts if people used electricity for everything and then changed. Forby raised this freeze issue in a reasonable way; it passed the Senate. However, Jones made a parliamentary motion to reconsider. Will the Democrat Senators view this as a reason to challenge Jones or will they fear him? As of now the Gross Receipts Tax has not been voted on. A tax on a business without health coverage is not a concern. The other part of the Governor's plan, the bonds and leasing the lottery, is still open. The Governor's plan is better than nothing. If the plan goes, TRS will receive 14 million. Our retirement fund is close to 40 billion, but we have to sell assets to meet payments. What will we do with the 14 million?

Hedge funds are a possibility. Bob attended 2 seminars, one in California and the other in Chicago. The Sudan restriction put a damper on some possible investment opportunities. Active teachers, seeing this situation, may resent the 9% plus contribution they make.

9) Miscellaneous:

Jesse Macro mentioned that Obama is looking for help in the Iowa Primary

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: JUNE 6, 2007