

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

June 6, 2007

Submitted by Frank Compton

Present:

Frank Compton, Roger Steingraber, Doris Haack, Bob Lyons, Rich Chierico, Liz White, Len Kortekass, Reinhard Taylor, Bill McCauley. Guests: Ron Gummerson, Carolyn White, Rich Rogowski, Sherwin Henning

1) Treasurer's Report (Len Kortekass)

2) President's Report (Doris Haack)

Bob Lyons made a motion, seconded by Liz White, to donate \$25.00 to the Foundation in memory of Carl Weimer and \$25.00 in memory of Bob Schulze. This motion passed. Outside of temperature control, the Area 2 Conference on May 31, 2007 was well organized and instructive. Rich Chierico suggested that a handout should have been provided on the issue of endorsements. Bill McCauley pointed out that the endorsements would apply only to incumbents on the state level. It seems that we could endorse people on the local level, though the wording of the proposal is very vague. The State Convention will be on October 15 and 16 in Springfield. The review of the Website (<http://www.irta-unit90.org>) was very positive. Reinhard Taylor reported about 1000 hits a month with about 34 a day. The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 20.

3) Leadership Search (Bill McCauley and Bob Lyons)

They are still searching.

4) Summer Luncheon (Liz White)

70 people have signed up so far. This event will take place on June 13, 2007 at the Inverness Golf Club with a menu of Shrimp Spinach Salad or California Citrus Salad with Chicken or Chicken Marasala, served with fresh vegetable soup and Peach Bread Pudding. The cost is \$20.00 per person with a subsidy of \$4.00. Bob Lyons will present the program with Marybelle Macro in charge of table programs and greeters. Valet parking is \$3.00 per car while Roger will run the REPAC Raffle, and Liz White will sell beverage tickets. The schedule has a 11.00 am social hour, followed by lunch at noon and the program at 1.00 pm.

5) New Retirees Breakfast Report (Committee)

Rich Chierico reported on the last meeting where a date of Monday, September 24th was set up for the recruitment of recent retirees at a breakfast. The location of the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows as well as a price around \$14.00 make this a good site. Topics would include benefits, pension, health care etc. Charlie Chrisman would be very effective in this event. Liz White made a motion, seconded by Len Kortekass, that we establish this new retirees breakfast hosted by Unit 90 and facilitated by Board members. This motion passed.

6) Day at The Races (Rich Chierico)

We have 13 signed up so far. The date is Thursday, September 6, 2007 at The International Room in Arlington Park with a cost of \$42.48 payable to Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. The deadline is August 31, 2007; send reservations to Rich Chierico.

7) Holiday Luncheon (Marybelle Macro)

This event will occur on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Meridian Banquet with a menu of Petite Ladies Filet, Broiled Salmon or Chicken Vesuvio with soup, salad, vegetable, potato, desert and beverage. The cost is \$24.00 at this point with no decision on a subsidy. Thus far there are no details on program and entertainment. There will be the election of officers and Roger's REPAC Raffle. If winners wish to return their money, they should contact Roger privately.

8) Committee Reports

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich distributed two handouts: Minutes of the March 26, 2007 Meeting and a Letter supporting the repeal of the No Child Left Behind Act. Irene Jinks felt that this communication should come from State Information Services.

Legislation (Bob Lyons)

Bob had an invitation from Frank Watson for a June 21 Ascot Race at Arlington for \$ 100.00 as well as a race day for Suzie Bassi for the same donation. In Springfield as far as our pensions are concerned, we have over 41 billion in assets even with selling off 240 million of these assets to meet the gap between income and payouts. 1.2 billion will be sold off by the end of the year because of the shortfall of the pension funding by the State. Electric rates are a factor in the State budget while leasing the State Lottery is not an issue at this time. The use of pension obligation bonds may be a concept which is revisited the longer the legislature is in session. The big advantage is that the State does not have to repay this. In spite of the fact that the Democrats control the state government, going beyond the May 31st deadline means that a 60% majority is necessary to pass the budget. The Governor needed 30 Senate votes. He had 29 and tried to pressure Senator Jacobs who voted no. All this came to light with Jacobs talking to the press. Other events included Emil Jones pushing a State Senator who was an ally of Madigan off the Rules Committee. Now the legislature will meet three days a week in June while the Governor continues to commute.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND MAILING: AUGUST 1, 2007

(NOTE: NO MEETING IN JULY)