

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Submitted by Frank Compton

Present: Frank Compton, Bobby Reinhardt, Roger Steingraber, Len Kortekass, Bob Ferguson, Doris Haack, Marybelle Macro, Jesse Macro, Rich Chierico.

Guests: Bill Bailey, Rich Rogowski, Carolyn White, Dave Buchheit, Ron Gummerson, Carol Adamson.

1) Treasurer's Report (Len Kortekass)

2) President's Report (Doris Haack)

The TRS meeting for potential retirees was quite successful with 75 turning out at Forest View with many there who were not going to retire in 2008. At Schaumburg there were about 40 people who showed up. At the IRTA Convention in Springfield the major issue was the endorsement of candidates on the state level. The Legislative Committee will establish an unbiased process of endorsement which will be presented at the Spring Board Meeting. Rich Chierico was a real leader here by questioning the whole process. He felt Jim Bachman did not show leadership here and should have clarified just what the "unbiased process" would be. This process is still not clear and very mysterious.

3) Leadership Report (Bill McCauley and Bob Lyons)

We now have a full slate of officers for the coming year: Len Kortekass will be President, Marybelle Macro Vice-President, Frank Compton Secretary, and Bob Ferguson Treasurer.

4) Holiday Luncheon (Marybelle Macro)

This annual event will take place on December 5, 2007 at the new location of Meridian Banquets. The menu is as follows: Salmon, Chicken, or Ladies Filet with soup, salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, and beverage. The cost of \$24.00 per person includes tax and gratuity. Social hour is at 11:00 am with the meal at noon. The program will include a legislative and TRS update by Bob Lyons, the election of officers and Roger's Raffle followed by the closing. We need greeters while the table programs are being developed.

5) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

We now have 940 members with 300 who need to renew. There are 194 people who retired in 2007. 45 of them have joined. Roger Steingraber remarked that recruiting new members is more and more difficult. In relation to this Rich Chierico is worried about the possibility of a Constitutional Convention which could change our whole pension system.

Health I&P (Mary Hurd)

Rich Chierico brought up his own situation about the lack of specific information as to where the money in his health expenses is actually spent from the 2- million -dollar coverage. We should be aware of each item of expenditure. This is a serious problem.

Communication (Bill McCauley)

There is a hearing on Senate Bill 205 on the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) issues.

Legislation (Doris Haack)

Doris read out the Legislative goals for 2008 from the IRTA State Legislative Meeting of September 25, 2007.

6) Miscellaneous

The e-mailing of the Newsletter is a possibility. A dual system is also possible. We need a schedule for 2008 to include the April Trip, Legislative Luncheon, Day at the Races, and Holiday Luncheon. Liz White has pointed out that new retirees have asked about what they can do. They can contact those they know to join and attend Board Meetings as well as help Bobby Reinhardt on some of her mailings.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 2, 2008