

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

May 7 2008

Submitted by Frank Compton

**Present:** Frank Compton, Bob Lyons, Bob Ferguson, Roger Steingraber, Liz White, Reinhard Taylor, Len Kortekaas, Bill McCauley, Doris Haack, Marybelle Macro, Jesse Macro, Jeanne Arcus, Mary Lou Tansey.

**Guests:** Dave Buchheit, Bill Bailey, Denise Florczak, Carolyn White

**1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)**

**2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)**

Many thanks to Liz White for the great job she did in organizing the tour of Ethnic Chicago.

**3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2008 (Len Kortekaas)**

The Summer Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Inverness Golf Club at a cost of \$24.00 per person. The menu will include a choice of 3 different salads mentioned in the Newsletter. Liz White and Marybelle Macro are coordinating this event with Bob Lyons doing the program and Roger Steingraber running his raffle. There will be valet parking, and tickets will be needed for drinks. Marybelle is in charge of the greeters. Next is the Newbee Breakfast on September 3, 2008 at the Senior Center which will take place at 9:00 am and be followed by the usual Executive Board Meeting. We will use a caterer to be decided on at the June Board Meeting which will be quite reasonable in price compared to the previous breakfast. Membership forms will be handed out under the leadership of coordinators Liz and Carolyn White and Marybelle Macro. The Day at the Races follows on September 18, 2008 at Arlington Park. Rich Chierico is in charge and gave Len a copy of the details to be handed out at the Summer Luncheon. Thursday, October 2, 2008 will be the date of the Legislative Luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club again led by Liz and Carolyn White and Marybelle Macro. We will hand out membership forms and have Roger's raffle. A Fall Tour is a possibility because Liz White feels a repeat of the Spring Tour would be welcomed by those who could not make that tour and were on the waiting list. Liz felt that these people should have first choice on the tour. Also there should be only one guest per Unit 90 member. When the flyer comes out, it will emphasize that the waiting-list people have first choice. Finally, we will get some possible dates from Dr. Cutler. The final event is the Holiday Luncheon on December 3, 2008 at Meridian Banquets where a \$500.00 deposit has been made. The coordinators are Liz White and Marybelle Macro.

**4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack, Jesse Macro, and Reinhard Taylor)**

Doris was at the Meeting in Springfield on April 23 where a decision was made not to hold the next convention at Crowne Plaza. Jesse will go to the May 15 Meeting. Reinhard emphasized how vital VoterVoice is.

## **5) E-mailing Newsletter (Bill McCauley)**

Bill will e-mail 110 Newsletters this afternoon which will reduce the number of mailings which will save money. Reinhard Taylor has done a great job and put in much work to refine our data base.

## **6) Committee Reports**

### **Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)**

As of now we have 890 members. Reinhard is working on the database to weed out people we cannot account for. In addition, he has updated personal sheets from 1988 to 2006. Again, we appreciate the effort and time Reinhard has put into this job. He is in constant contact with Bobby to keep our membership data as accurate as possible. We also have 19 new members, and Dave Buchheit has a list of the 214 retirees.

### **Foundation (Doris Haack)**

We sent \$25.00 to the Foundation in memory of Barry Gadlin. The Foundation has earned a profit of \$104,000 from the address labels.

### **Member Benefits (Mary Lou Tansey)**

New benefits include medical coverage for hearing, identity theft protection, and medical coverage on trips. Grand Circle Travel is not recommended while Presley Tours is. Another benefit is financial advice from Smith Barney.

### **Volunteer Services (Carolyn White)**

Carolyn urged members to go to our website.

### **Legislative (Jesse Macro and Bob Lyons)**

At the last meeting Jesse attended the issue of local input on endorsements came up. Jesse felt there should be local input which should be publicized. All this needs to be done quite soon on the State level. Bob Lyons feels that no one knows what will happen in Springfield. With the Rezko trial coming to an end, a deal may be made.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 4, 2008**