

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

June 4 2008

Submitted by Frank Compton

Present: Frank Compton, Reinhard Taylor, Len Kortekaas, Bob Lyons, Bob Ferguson, Roger Steingraber, Liz White, Doris Haack, Bill McCauley, Marybelle Macro, Jesse Macro, Rich Chierico
Guests: Rich Rogowski, Carolyn White, Dave Buchheit, Rick Hutchinson

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Len emphasized using VoterVoice to make our opinions and concerns known to legislators. Rick Hutchinson was introduced by Len as new person working on membership. Rick defined his role in working on membership in Northern Illinois, especially in the Northwest Suburban area where there are many potential members. He will focus on trying to get information from school districts in spite of increased security concerns and gaining entrance into buildings to make direct contact with teachers. Rick projected a very positive image.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2008 (Len Kortekaas)

First is the Summer Luncheon on June 10 at the Inverness Golf Club coordinated by Liz White and Marybelle Macro. All is set with a social hour at 11 am and lunch at noon with a presentation by Bob Lyons at 1:00 pm followed by Roger's Raffle. There will be valet parking. Len will bring forms for membership and IRTA's information on the Illinois Constitutional Convention. 70 people have signed up so far. Next is the Newbee Breakfast on September 3, 2008 to be held at the Arlington Heights Senior Center and organized by Liz and Carolyn White and Marybelle Macro. The cost will be about \$6.00 per person with Lee and Eddie's catering the meal. Rick Hutchinson will speak on State Membership while Len Kortekaas and Bob Lyons will also address the group. A list of our trips will be handed out as another incentive for joining Unit 90. After the 9 am breakfast the regular Executive Board Meeting will take place. The Day at the Races is the next event on September 18 at Arlington Park. 7 people have signed up so far with everything pretty well set under the organizing of Rich Chierico. Following this event is the Legislative Breakfast on Thursday October 2, 2008 at the Inverness Golf Club. Again Liz and Carolyn White and Marybelle Macro will coordinate this meeting which will be organized around a buffet breakfast at a cost of about \$20.00. There was discussion about what the format should be to encourage communication which will be decided at future Board Meetings. Rich Chierico suggested a possible fund raiser to help defray the considerable cost of this event. The Fall Tour led by Dr. Cutler will take place on Tuesday October 14, 2008. Len Kortekaas and Liz White will organize the event. It will repeat the Ethnic Chicago Tour # 1 so that those on the waiting list for the April Tour will have first choice. Liz will check with these people and get back to Len. The cost will be \$50.00 per person with lunch at Manny's. The final event is the Holiday Luncheon on December 3, 2008 at Meridan Banquets where a \$500.00 deposit has been made. Marybelle Macro and Liz White will coordinate this celebration.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Jesse Macro)

In relation to the endorsement issue, by June 1 candidates should have received a questionnaire which should be returned by July 1. The filled out ones from this area will be sent to Jesse. At the Legislative Committee meeting, feedback will be given to the Executive Board who will make decisions on endorsements. Jesse saw a problem here with overlapping districts in this general area. Finally, Jesse felt a group could get together on their own to deal with the endorsements.

5) E-mailing Newsletter (Bill McCauley)

As of now 128 people receive the Newsletter by e-mail.

6) Committee Reports

Database & Website (Reinhard Taylor)

450 members need to renew. The good news is that we have 1002 Unit 90 members. About 600 people do not belong to both the State and Unit 90. The Website averages about 200 hits a month.

Foundation (Doris Haack)

Gerald Ferguson will have \$25.00 donated in his memory.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

Bill sent out 3 e-mails to everyone in our area who belonged to State and had e-mail.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich will serve on Suzie Bassi's advisory committee. She has a fund raiser coming up.

Legislative (Bob Lyons and Jesse Macro)

Jesse mentioned the flyer on the Illinois Constitutional Convention put out by IRTA. Bob talked about the West Virginia situation with investments for retirement by individual teachers as opposed to defined benefits. He feels this issue will come here in Illinois. It appears that the State will make its contribution to the pensions. The capital fund issue is still up in the air. Finally, Bob went to a fund raiser for Christina Prochno.

7) Miscellaneous

Mary Lou Tansey had a second knee replacement and is doing well. There is a need for help at the half-marathon for the Children's Advocacy Center on June 14.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 6, 2008 (NO MEETING IN JULY)