

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3,2008
SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Frank Compton, Bob Lyons, Jesse Macro, Roger Steingraber, Doris Haack, Bill McCauley, Carolyn White, Reinhard Taylor, Liz White, Bob Ferguson, Rich Chierico, Len Kortekaas, Mary Lou Tansey.

Guests: Venise Beres, Paula Matzek, Kathy Boller, Laura Sellers, Donna Alexander, Robert Sitrick, Vera DeGiorgio, Nancy McIntyre, Sue Kowall, Diane Hanik, Iris Shapiro, Paul Christmas, Mary Crambes, Mary Szczypta, Joan Howdle, Bob Given.

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

We wish the very best for Marybelle Macro and pray that she can overcome her health problems. She cannot continue as Vice President. Len outlined the duties of this position. Liz White was nominated by unanimous voice vote after Doris Haack's motion to close nominations which was seconded by Mary Lou Tansey. We are pleased to have such a fine and skillful person to replace Marybelle.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2008 (Len Kortekaas)

First is the Day at the Races on September 18 at Arlington Park coordinated by Rich Chierico. The deadline to participate is September 12. 24 people have signed up so far. The profit on this event will be donated. The next events are the TRS fall meetings. We will not be involved in the Des Plaines meeting. Our first meeting will be at Barrington High School on 9/25/08 with Liz White and Bob Given helping out. The second meeting will be at Arlington Heights on 10/16/08 with Frank Compton, Roger Steingraber, and Carolyn White helping hand out brochures. The last meeting will be at Schaumburg on 10/29/08 with Bill McCauley, Doris Haack, and Bob Ferguson helping. The next event is the Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, October 2 at the Inverness Golf Club coordinated by Liz and Carolyn White and Bob Lyons. We will also have Roger's Raffle. Most legislators should be there. One of our main concerns should be health care. Doris Haack suggested sending out a reminder by e-mail. Len will call Merna Folkers, a leader of the American Association of University Women, who wants to bring her group, to tell her they can come. The Fall Tour, led by Dr Cutler, is the next event which will take place on Tuesday, October 14, This is repeat of Tour # 1 of Ethnic Chicago so successful last Spring. It is fully booked with Len Kortekaas and Liz White in charge. There is an 8:30 am departure from Forest View. The final scheduled event is the Holiday Luncheon on December 3, 2008 at Meridan Banquets at a cost of about \$25.00 per person. Liz White is the coordinator and a \$500.00 deposit has been made. Another possible event is a Golf Outing, a new project which we should be able to pull off. A feeler will be sent out to see what interest there is. Carolyn has talked to Arlington Lakes, Prospect, and Kemper Lakes Golf Club. The costs will vary.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack and Jesse Macro)

Doris received a memo from Marti Swenson which announced a meeting of membership people at the Old Country Buffet in Crystal Lake on Wednesday, September 10 at 11:00am. Roger Steingraber, Reinhard Taylor, and Doris will attend. Jesse reported on the endorsement process. He objected to some elements of it. No new candidate can be endorsed without a legislative record. The Board voted to accept late responses and felt that significant votes should be looked at. Without further input, Jesse felt that it was difficult to evaluate the candidates. On the whole, Jesse thought the local people were good, but few responded to the questionnaire. These people were endorsed on a local level. The Board will notify candidates by September 15. We should not give out information until after the Legislative Breakfast. Bob Lyons felt we should be open to helping local candidates from both parties. We will make our decisions after the Legislative Breakfast.

5) E-mailing Newsletter (Bill McCauley)

We came out short on membership notices. 10 people received the Newsletter and 10 plan to go to the Legislative Breakfast, but only one person filled out the form for the Legislative Breakfast. Filling out the form for the Breakfast is the problem because people have a tendency to delay. Bill will send out a separate e-mail for renewing local membership. Finally, Reinhard commented that the new renewal form from the State will include State and local membership.

6) Motion by Rich Chierico

This motion, which involves the IRTA hiring an attorney or law firm to investigate the background and credentials of any person appointed to the TRS Board by a governor of either party, was tabled. Rich was concerned about past legal and ethical problems of governor-appointed members of the TRS Board like Stuart Levine. Bob Lyons pointed out that this motion applies to the future. He also pointed out that an investigation of Levine under Ryan and Blagojevich would not have revealed much of his dark side. Doris Haack felt a letter to Jim Bachman on this issue would be effective.

7) Committee Reports

Foundation (Doris Haack)

She has the new brochures.

Legislative (Jesse Macro)

The Social Security issue with GPO/WEP is still with us.

8) Miscellaneous:

The Constitution typos need to be corrected.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 1, 2008