

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2008
SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Frank Compton, Bob Lyons, Liz White, Rich Chierico, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekaas, Bill McCauley, Doris Haack, Carolyn White.

Guests: Denise Florzak and Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

The Newbee Breakfast was a great success with 16 guests attending the Board Meeting. Many thanks to Liz White for all her work and to those who helped her.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2008 (Len Kortekaas)

Rich Chierico who organized the Day at the Races reported on another success with a total 37 people attending, 28 1/2 from IRTA and 8 1/2 from the Senior Center. The cost was \$46.02 with \$50.00 being charged with the profit going to charity, \$34.00 to the Senior Center and \$57.00 to Unit 90. The TRS fall meeting began at Barrington High School with 53 attending. We have a new brochure to hand out even though the Unit membership is not quite accurate. The next TRS meeting will be at Forest View on 10/16/08 with Frank Compton, Carolyn White, and Roger Steingraber helping to hand out IRTA material. The last fall TRS meeting will take place at Schaumburg with Len Kortekaas, Bob Ferguson and maybe Doris Haack helping to hand out IRTA material. The Legislative Breakfast will be on Thursday, October 2 at the Inverness Golf Club. Liz and Carolyn White and Bob Lyons will coordinate this event. We now have 70 people attending excluding the legislators. Bob felt each candidate should have 2-3 minutes to speak. Those who can stay will answer questions. Bob will introduce the Republicans and Jesse Macro will do the same for the Democrats. Because Roger is recovering from surgery, Doris will handle Roger's Raffle.

The Fall Tour with Dr. Cutler on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 is the next event which is repeat of last Spring's Tour # 1 of Ethnic Chicago. Len Kortekaas and Liz White are in charge with Bob Ferguson taking care of the luncheon and the church donation. Departure time is 8:30 am from the Forest View Parking Lot. The final event of this year is the Holiday Luncheon on December 3, 2008 at Meridan Banquets where a \$500 deposit has been made. Denise Florzak and Carolyn White will help Liz White to coordinate this event and check the menu. Finally, both Liz and Carolyn White are working on a possible golf outing next fall. Liz felt that a questionnaire would help to see what interest there is. She will put this together in the near future for the next Newsletter.

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

On September 10 Doris, Jesse, and Reinhard Taylor attended the Region 3 Meeting. Membership is a problem for all the units with confusion over what unit a given person is in. On October 22 Doris will be going to the Executive Board Meeting. The major concern is endorsements. Len Kortekaas distributed a list of the IRTA Endorsees (see attachment). After the Legislative Breakfast the Unit 90 Board will meet to settle on Unit 90 endorsements for local candidates. Rich Chierico pointed out we need to address early voting and should e-mail as many members as possible about our endorsements which Bob Lyons will do with help from Bill McCauley. Liz White also suggested we do a snail mail stuffing on Monday, October 6, to reach those without e-mail. This meeting will be at Liz's house at 9:30 am.

5) E-mailing Newsletter/Information (Bill McCauley)

We owe Bill many thanks for his efforts on the Legislative Breakfast and Con-Con wording on the upcoming November 4 ballot which is long and somewhat confusing. Len had a logo on the whole Con-Con issue which clarifies our position against it.

6) Committee Reports

Foundation (Doris Haack)

We now have the Foundation brochure. The address label program is down \$1,000 from what it took in last year.

Legislative (Bob Lyons)

First, there are stories that Tony Resko is cooperating with the Government. To what extent we do not know. Both Governor Blagojevich and his wife are under investigation with the speculation that the prosecution will call the wife first. Second, Bob handed out the changes in TRS net assets for the last 2 fiscal years. We did not lose, as yet, in 2008; recent events will have an impact. The State will not put in 1 billion, 800 million more next fiscal year, and legislators will not look favorably on our pension requirements.

7) Miscellaneous:

The Constitution will be covered at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 5, 2008 WITH A MAILING