

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
JANUARY 7, 2009  
SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

**Present:** Liz White, Frank Compton, Doris Haack, Reinhard Taylor, Roger Steingraber, Bob Lyons, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekaas, Rich Chierico, Bobby Reinhardt, Carolyn White, Bill McCauley.

**Guests:** Susan Shapiro, June Janetzke, Dave Buchheit.

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

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

Len introduced Susan Shapiro of Life Line Screening which offers several tests covering everything from heart problems to liver and diabetes problems. The company has screened over 5 million people. Susan also pointed out that strokes kill more women than breast cancer in addition to many other facts. Later she handed out a brochure and a schedule of local places where Life Line Screening will take place. Finally, Susan focused on the whole concept of prevention. The basic information on this program will be in the next Newsletter.

**3) Holiday Luncheon Review**

Generally this event was fun, but we might consider entertainment next time. Again, we can afford to subsidize some of the cost in the future. Reinhard Taylor received an e-mail about this event which stated that the room was too large and had too high a ceiling for a group of our size. The same person felt that we need a more cozy environment.

**4) Unit 90 Schedule for 2009 (Len Kortekaas)**

First is the Spring Tour which was originally scheduled for April 21st and April 30th. However, Dr. Cutler has already booked these dates so the new dates are April 14th and April 23rd. We will see how having 2 dates for a tour will work out. In the near future the Board will decide on what the actual tour will be. Liz and Carolyn White will coordinate these events.

The Area II Conference will take place on Monday, March 16 at Randall Oaks In West Dundee. Registration is at 9:00 am with a continental breakfast. Lunch will follow around noon. Doris Haack is in charge.

Next is the Summer Luncheon. Since District 214 does not get out of school until June 12th, the original date of June 10th was moved to June 17<sup>th</sup>. The location is the Inverness Golf Club with Liz and Carolyn White organizing.

Rich Chierico will organize the Day at the Races on Thursday, September 17 at Arlington Park. Next will be the Newbee Breakfast on September 9 at the Senior Center with Liz and Carolyn White in charge.

A possible Golf Outing could take place this coming fall. We still need more responses and will publicize this event on our Web and in the Newsletter. Liz and Carolyn White, Doris Haack, and Bob Ferguson will work on the organization of this outing.

The 2009 IRTA Convention will take place on October 19 and 20 in Springfield at the Hilton Hotel with Len Kortekaas and Doris Haack coordinating.

The final event of 2009 will be the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3. Carolyn White will look into various locations and into having the children violinists as entertainment. Liz and Carolyn White will run this event.

#### **5) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack and Reinhard Taylor)**

Reinhard will go down to Springfield for Information Services in March and September. The Area 2 Conference was covered in the Schedule for 2009.

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

There were 254 people who did not renew membership. Also there are 88 individuals without e-mail. Bill wants to be fair and feels he should send our reminders to all. Liz White feels sending out these reminders on the first business day of the month would be effective. Bill pointed out that there will be about 500 people who will not be reached by e-mail. Bobby Reinhardt asked about a new Directory which would be expensive to print and mail. Reinhard suggested sending the Directory out on e-mail and possibly charging a dollar for mailing it out in a paper version. This should probably be done in May. Len will check into mailing costs and look into the whole issue.

#### **7) Membership Drive**

We need to get information from the various school districts on those who are retiring. Carolyn White will help get a list of the districts and the people who need to be contacted.

#### **8) Committee Reports**

##### **Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)**

A total of \$50.00 was sent to the IRTA Foundation in memory of Alice Helgeson, and Robert and Patricia Grubbe.

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

She will mention some of the existing opportunities.

##### **Legislative (Bob Lyons)**

Bob has enough signatures for his position on the TRS Board. Bob then pointed out there is no place to hide when it comes to investments. Treasury Notes and the American Dollar were the only good investments. TRS now has 29.4 billion which is fairly good in relation to other retirement funds. Merging all the State pensions is a critical issue because we would have at best a single representative for our investments and lose control. We need to let our feelings on this issue be known to the legislators. Our position should be on our Web Site and in the Newsletter. We have to fight against this merger of retirement funds. Finally, the indictment deadline for Governor Blagojevich has been extended. He is a combination of greed and

arrogance. The Democrats pushed back on a special election. Roland Burris is legal. Bob feels the Governor will be impeached by end of February.

**9) Miscellaneous.**

In a recent e-mail Mary Harris suggested having an ID to have reduced rates for museums etc. which will be considered by the Board in the future.

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 4, 2009**