

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

October 7, 2009

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Joan Howdle, Frank Compton, Roger Steingraber, Reinhard Taylor, Bob Lyons, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekaas, Liz White, Rich Chierico, Carolyn White, Bill McCauley, Jesse Macro
Guest: Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

There are essentially no real changes.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

We are happy to have Len back from England!

Review of the Newbee Breakfast:

This was a great success. Liz White pointed out that this is especially true in that all the new retirees who attended joined IRTA. She also stressed the importance of personal contact and having Bob Lyons on our Board. Finally, she felt that contacting retirees well before they actually retire is vital.

Review of the Day at The Races:

Rich Chierico ended up with 26 people and a small profit. He was surprised at the emptiness of the room. Rich feels with the high prices of the cash bar and the change in the structure of this event, it is not worth it to continue.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2009 (Len Kortekaas)

TRS Fall Meetings

Joan Howdle reported that the September 29th Meeting at Barrington High School had 59 people and came off very well. A Second Meeting will be at the Forest View Education Center on October 13 with Carolyn White and Frank Compton in charge. The final Meeting will be at Schaumburg High School on November 3rd with Len Kortekaas and Bill McCauley covering. Next is the 2009 State IRTA Convention on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Len Kortekaas will coordinate this event.

The final event of the 2009 Year is the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd at the Meridian with the White's organizing.

4) Nominating committee (Bob Lyons)

All officers will run again for 2010-2011.

5) Follow up Lobby Day resolution for convention by Rich Chierico.

Rich pointed out a Lobby Day could take place without a resolution. No action was taken. Bob Lyons felt that we should find out what the next IRTA President would like to do.

6) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Reinhard Taylor)

Reinhard attended the meeting of the Information Services Committee and felt the Executive State Committee should not eliminate his group which put out a fine information brochure which is especially useful for other areas of the state. Travel cost is, perhaps, a factor in wanting to do away with the Information Services Committee. Certainly communication is vital.

7) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

We now have 1,042 members.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

767 members have e-mail. Of those about 250 receive the President's Report that way.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich attended Suzie Bassi's Fund Raiser. She will be challenged by a more conservative candidate. Thus, she needs our political support and money.

Legislative (Bob Lyons and Jesse Macro)

Jesse's committee on the endorsement process has not met. Bob Lyons feels there will be a renegotiation of TRIP, but he does not know the details. The State, we, school districts, and active teachers all pay into TRIP. Also Bob talked to Ed Rosenthal who is on the Governor's committee to examine the Pension Systems. He thinks there is resistance to a 2-tier pension system. The legislators understand voting for a popular issue may not pay off because of powerful special interests. Good examples of this factor are the motor cycle helmet law and assault weapons. Thus, AFT, IEA and IRTA have a powerful influence which sets the stage for a compromise. Rosenthal feels legislators do not understand that the cost of the teachers' pension is based on what the state did not put into it, not the actual cost of the pension itself. Rich Chierico pointed out that a great deal of money was spent by former governors for special projects which should have gone to pensions.

8) Miscellaneous

Reinhard Taylor thinks that there should be a notice about our Directory in the next Newsletter. He also brought up the making of a banner.

Meeting Schedule for 2010:

Wed 1/6, Tues 2/9, Tues 3/9, Wed 4/7, Wed 5/5, Wed 6/2, Wed 8/4,
Wed 9/8 (Newbee Breakfast--have 2 rooms), Wed 10/6, Wed 11/3

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2009 WITH MAILING