

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

November 4, 2009

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

Guest: Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Review of State Convention-

Rich Chierico felt nothing was brought up that concerns us with any detail by executive director Jim Bachman. Also Rich pointed out that there were no legislative recommendations. Doris Haack commented that recent IRTA presidents have let Jim Bachman run the show. In addition Doris suggested that we invite Marti Swanson to our next Board meeting to have more insight into what is going on. We should have questions for her. As far as the site of the Convention goes, most felt the Hilton was not the best place because of meeting rooms, cramped exhibitions areas etc.

The TRS meeting at Forest View on 10/13 had over a 100 people attend though only about 25 will retire in 2010. In the Schaumburg TRS meeting on 11/3 there were 40 people.

3) Unit 90 Schedule (Len Kortekaas)

Our final event of the year is the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd at the Meridian. The White's will coordinate the event while Doris Haack will contact a person she knows to set up some music. Bob Lyons will give a report, and Roger Steingraber will run the raffle.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack and Reinhard Taylor)

Doris finished her term on the Executive Board and Irene Jinks will take over the position. Reinhard will attend the next meeting of the Unit 18 in Des Plaines.

5) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

Len Kortekaas handed out the new Membership Form which will give a 5th year membership free if one signs up for a 4-year membership and if you have signed up for e-mail to receive newsletters. This new form will go out only to those who have to renew. If people call, Bobby Reinhardt will deal with individual cases.

Foundation (Doris Haack)

The IRTA raised \$100,000 on the address labels.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich made a motion, seconded by Bob Lyons, to support a fund raiser for Suzie Bassi with \$150.00. This motion passed and Rich will make a personal contribution at same fund raiser. Suzie needs our support because she is facing a challenge from a more conservative candidate.

Legislative (Bob Lyons)

The Pension Modernization Taskforce met and did not reach any conclusion. They voted down pension consolidation. The 2-tier system proposal is misunderstood because it will not save money. \$77 million comes in every year from active teachers. With new teachers earning less, this income will not increase. The basic problem with the pension is the lack of funding in the past. Even so, the 2-tier concept might be popular. The bond notes set up recently have not sold as yet. We lost over 8 billion in our investments last year. We fell from about 38 billion to about 29 billion. There is more detail in Bob's TRS Report in October.

6) Miscellaneous

Bill Hinchcliff is back leading tours.

Reinhard Taylor may have our banner ready for the Holiday Luncheon.

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: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010