

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

February 6, 2010

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

For this year so far, we have received \$288.00 in membership dues while our total expenses for the Christmas Luncheon and printing and mailing were \$1,700.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Len did not have much except to report that Mary Lou Tansey has had health problems but is making progress. We all wish her the very best.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2010 (Len Kortekaas)

Spring Tours: The various tours were discussed. We decided on tour of The North Shore of Chicago with Bill Hinchliff to take place on April 15. In addition we will look for another date that month which is not a Thursday. Finally we want the cost of the lunch to be between \$15.00 and \$20.00 to keep the cost of the tour at a reasonable level. Len is in charge.

The next event is the Area 2 Conference on April 5 at Randall Oaks. Len is in charge and will get out the details. Unit 90 will cover the costs of those attending.

The Summer Luncheon comes next. We will look into using the Rolling Green Country Club for a possible date of June 15, 16 or 17. The White's will run this event and perhaps have Bill Hinchliff do a slide presentation.

The Day at the Races follows. At this point Rich Chierico is waiting to hear from the Track about a new approach they mentioned earlier. When he does hear, he will report to us.

Next is the Newbee Breakfast at the Senior Center on September 8. This breakfast will be from 9 am to 10 am, followed by the IRTA Board Meeting at 10 am. Again the White's are in charge. To have good numbers of retirees, we need to get their names as soon as possible to invite them at least twice.

The Legislative Breakfast will be on October 6 at the Inverness Golf Club. Bob Lyons and the White's will organize this event. We will do the endorsements after the breakfast at the Board Meeting.

The final event of the year is the Holiday Luncheon on December 7, 8, or 9. Again the White's will lead us. We will try to book the Wellington and have the Canterbury Carolers for entertainment.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Jesse Macro)

Jesse will go to Springfield tomorrow if possible. The main topic at the meeting will be the endorsement process. Rich Chierico brought up the issue of the effect of the endorsements in working with legislative efforts in our favor.

5) Membership Drive

We are working on getting lists of retirees from the various districts. District #214 is set.

6) Committee Reports

Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

Scholarship applications are due on March 7.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

Bill feels that the e-mails have been effective with few being returned.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich handed out excellent material on IRTA which he feels could be sent out with our Newsletter, especially the sections on the benefits IRTA offers.

Legislative (Bob Lyons)

Bob began with the 2-tier system. Benefits for new teachers would be less. It will be difficult because the new teachers will pay less into the system, a point often ignored. People will vote for this 2-tier system because it sounds effective. Rich Chierico pointed out that the failure of the State Legislature to fund State Pensions on a consistent basis is the root of the problem. Bob next spoke on the primary for the governor's office. On the Democratic side, he feels that Hynes would have been better for us. On the Republican side Brady was somewhat of a surprise. His campaign down state was effective. Dillard may get a few more votes, but he will not have enough to beat Brady who favors defined contribution for teachers, not defined benefits. For our interests, Bob feels, Brady is the worst. Finally, Bob feels that there will be no tax increase with the present political environment.

7) Miscellaneous

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, Wed 10/6, Wed 11/3

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2010 WITH A MAILING