

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

April 7, 2010

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

**Present:** Frank Compton, Reinhard Taylor, Liz White, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekaas, Bob Lyons, Bobby Reinhardt, Rich Chierico, Bill McCauley, Doris Haack, Jesse Macro, Carolyn White  
**Guest:** Dave Buchheit

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

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

Review of Area II Conference. Most felt it was a good conference. Rich Chierico was especially pleased about Jim Bachman's presentation and his reaction to concerns about health insurance. Rich also thanked Jim Bachman and Marti Swanson for their efforts.

**3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2010 (Len Kortekaas)**

The Spring Tours, April 15 and April 28, to the North Shore are next. Len will coordinate. The menu choice is either shepherds pie or a salad with chicken strips. Liz White will get the choices prior to the trip and have special name tags to reflect each choice. Bill Hinchliff, the tour guide, stated that both the Celtic Knot and the Dawes Museum will accept credit cards. If there is bad weather, the SAE building is available. We still need more information on this. The Summer Luncheon follows on June 22 at the Rolling Green Country Club. The menu is all set and will include soup; entrees of roast beef, salmon salad or chicken cordon blue with chocolate brownies for desert. The Whites will be in charge, and the cost will be \$24.00 per person. Also Unit will cover the cost of the bartender and the valet parking. Reinhard Taylor will check on possible entertainment. The next event may be The Day at the Races possibly on September 16. Rich Chierico received a new proposal from Arlington Park yesterday. The cost would be \$52.89 using the same gratuity and tax fee. The bar would have soft drinks, beer, and wine included in the total cost. The Track would want a minimum guarantee of 50. Rich will work on this and report in May. The next event is the Newbee Breakfast on September 8 at the Arlington Senior Center. The Whites are running this with all the details taken care of. The monthly Board Meeting should follow. The Legislative Breakfast comes next on October 6 at the Inverness Golf Club. Again the Board Meeting will follow. The Whites and Bob Lyons will coordinate everything. Our final event is the Holiday Luncheon on December 9 at the Wellington. The Whites are in charge. The Barrington Madrigal Singers will provide entertainment. We will pay for their bus.

**4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Reinhard Taylor and Jesse Macro)**

Reinhard has found himself to be the head of the Information Services Committee. Congratulations! The main concern was the information booklet which was revised. Reinhard

named 3 goals: plug Voter Voice, encourage e-mail communication, and establish web sites for each unit. Jesse went to the last State Committee Meeting where there was a new brochure on the GPO and WEP issues. Also there is a push to make the endorsement form simpler. Local contact is a key to evaluating the candidates. Because we have a pension, Social Security is often unfair.

### **5) Membership Drive**

Liz and Carolyn White worked hard to put out a letter to be sent to those retiring, giving information on reasons to join our unit. These letters will be sent to their school districts. We do not have the District 211 list of retirees, but we do have the lists of District 214 and District 220.

### **6) Committee Reports**

#### **Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)**

We have 155 who need to renew. If all renew, we will have 1046 members. Close to 400 members receive the Newsletter by e-mail. At the Area II Conference it was reported that about 32,000 people belong to IRTA. There was a copy of the tri-fold, and Bobby sent out a possible summary of Unit 90 activities to be in the July brochure.

#### **Foundation (Doris Haack)**

The Foundation is giving out \$15,000 in grants to areas 1 and 2. Forms will be found on the IRTA web site.

#### **Communications (Bill McCauley)**

The e-mail about the 2-tier pension also encouraged people to contact the Governor. Bob Lyons pointed out that Governor Quinn knows that the unions will not like the 2-tier system, but he is willing to take a risk because Brady is so strongly anti-union.

#### **Information Services (Rich Chierico)**

Rich will look into revisions on the Information Bulletin.

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

We have made an offer for a new Executive Director. Our investments are going well. We have a new hotel near Trump Tower in the City of Chicago. Jesse Macro asked about the 2-tier pension legislation. This basically means that teachers will contribute the same with lower defined benefits.

### **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: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 - WE WILL HAVE A MAILING**