

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

JANUARY 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

**Guests:** Denise Florczak and Bob Kaplan

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

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

Len in the best of spirits wished everyone a happy new year.

**3) Holiday Luncheon Review** We had excellent attendance and great entertainment provided by the Barrington High Madrigal Singers. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible.

**4) Unit 90 Schedule for 2011 (Len Kortekaas)**

Our first events are the 2 Spring Tours of the Fox River Valley on Tuesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 18th. Len will do most of the organizing and cover the first tour while Liz White will take charge of the second tour. The cost per person will be \$50.00. If necessary Unit 90 will subsidize any amount over this charge. The Area 2 Conference comes next, but we have no information so far. Then we have our Summer Luncheon on Tuesday, June 21st at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club. Liz White is the coordinator. She will try to use a free round of golf at the Club as an incentive to bring in a new Unit 90 member. She will work out the details in the future. The Day at The Races is the next event. We have no information since Rich Chierico is not here. The Newbee Breakfast follows on Wednesday, September 7th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. The Whites will handle this. The 2011 State Convention comes next on the 17th and 18th of October in Springfield, but at what hotel we do not know. Len Kortekaas will be in charge. Our final event is the Holiday Luncheon. We are trying for the 6th or 7th of December. The Whites have graciously offered to work on this.

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

Reinhard's next meeting of the Information Services Committee will be on March 31st. Jesse has not heard much from his committee except possible changes for active teachers.

## **6) Committee Reports**

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

Bobby distributed a sheet which gave membership numbers . In 2010 of 992 members 747 were also State members. There is a sizable gap between our Unit 90 membership and IRTA State membership from our area. We have 992 members in 2010 while State membership is 1,462. There followed discussion about unified membership. We should emphasize the positive side of a unified membership. Also, it would help if we change the enrollment form heading to read Unit 90. Liz White wants to have a short letter sent in March to those who are retiring followed by 2 more letters urging them to join.

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

Scholarship Applications are due.

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

There are some computer problems which Reinhard will help with.

### **Website (Reinhard Taylor)**

Reinhard made a comparison to activity in 2009 to that in 2010 which revealed increases in every area because people are tuned into technology.

### **Legislative (Jesse Macro and Bob Lyons)**

Jesse again pointed out that his State Committee has put out little information. Bob Lyons commented that there was a positive vote in the Senate to fund retirement obligations by borrowing 4 billion. This is a key issue with a possible raise in the State income tax. Some Republicans might support this. Bob feels it will go in the next few days. The larger issue is the extent of the hike in the State income tax. If the borrowing of 15 billion goes through, then the hike would probably be 21/2%. The State Educational Reform package involved tenure protection and the right to strike. All this is up in the air. Also there is a proposed constitutional amendment to limit some pension benefits. Finally Bob feels that if there is no borrowing to fund pension obligations now, it will not be done the rest of the year. We are doing well in our investments, but will have to continue to sell assets if the State does not borrow the 4 billion. As of June 30 97,000 people are receiving pension benefits; 87,000 are teachers. The average pension is \$44,000 per year. There are 1,000 disabled, and 9,000 are receiving survivor benefits.

## **7) Miscellaneous**

### **Meeting Schedule for 2011:**

Wed 2/2, Wed 3/2, Wed 4/6, Wed 5/4, Wed 6/1, Wed 8/3, Wed 9/7, Wed 10/5, Wed 11/2

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2011**