

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

March 2, 2011

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

**Guests:** Denise Florczak, Bob Kaplan, Dave Buchheit

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

Bob Lyons made a motion, seconded by Bobby Reinhardt, to send the REPAC money to the IRTAPAC. This motion passed.

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

Len handed out a revised IRTAPAC donation forms. In the past this money has been used to attend fund raisers and support various candidates. Len also received nominations forms for State IRTA offices. A final item was to vote on a unit honoree for the Fall Convention. Bob Lyons, seconded by Len Kortekaas, nominated Liz White. All voted for her.

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

The first event is the Area 2 Conference at Randall Oaks Golf Club on March 28. Len will coordinate this meeting, the cost of which will be covered by Unit 90. The following plan to attend: Frank Compton, Liz White, Jesse Macro, Bob Ferguson, Bob Lyons, Bill McCauley, Denise Florczak, Bobby Reinhardt, Carolyn White, Bob Kaplan. Rich Chierico and Reinhard Taylor.

Next on the Spring Tours to the Fox River Valley on Tuesday May 3rd and Wednesday May 18th. This event is pretty well set. Len will be in charge of the first tour while Liz White will cover the second. The forms to register will be on the web site this coming Monday.

The Summer Luncheon follows on Tuesday June 21 at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club. The Whites will run this. Liz will check on things this Friday.

The Day at the Races at the Arlington Park Race Track will be set later when Rich Chierico returns.

Next comes the Newbee Breakfast on Wednesday September 7th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. Again, the Whites will organize.

The 2011 IRTA State Convention is next and take place on October 17-18 in Springfield with Len Kortekaas in charge. As yet we do not know the exact location.

The final event is the Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday December 7 at the Inverness Golf Club. The Whites will organize this event, and Liz has reserved the 6th and 7th to give us more flexibility.

#### **4) IRTA Region 3 reports (Jesse Macro and Bob Lyons)**

Jesse was not able to attend this meeting, but Bob Lyons was there and reports that the legislature is full of ideas which do not seem realistic. On a national level about 11.9% belong to unions as opposed to over 40% in the past. 6.9% of workers belong to unions in the private sector. Public union workers come in at about 7%. More public union members exist than private union members. The view is that they are a minority group. The main argument against public unions is that there is no private money in the game plus the issue of the union donations to elected officials. In Illinois Madigan wants to change benefits from this point on to protect the Democratic majority. He knows that the State Constitution protects us, but he is playing politics. Another proposed bill is based on the idea of taxing pensions. No one is speaking about changing our pensions except health care. Finally with the borrowing to fund the pensions the last two years, the State will have to pay the pensions from the taxes this coming year.

#### **5) Membership Drive**

Len handed out a list of contacts for recruiting new retirees by district. This list is attached to last month's minutes. Liz White went over the strategy of reminding people about our benefits and encouraging them to join us.

#### **6) Committee Reports-**

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

150 people have renewed with about 147 to go.

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

A donation was made in memory of Hubert H. Dodge.

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

Recently Bill had problems on finding membership records. He contacted Reinhard Taylor who suggested several plans. A correct tip solved the problem. The poll that Bill sent out had a 30% response which is good. Many felt bargaining would be effective.

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

Bob covered everything in the IRTA Region 3 Reports.

#### **7) Miscellaneous-**

Meeting Schedule for 2011: Wed 4/6, Wed 5/4, Wed 6/1, Wed 8/3, Wed 9/7, Wed 10/5, and Wed 11/2,

**NEXT MEEING: WEDNESDAY APRIL 6,2011**