

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2011

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Liz White, Frank Compton, Doris Haack, Len Kortekaas, Reinhard Taylor, Bob Ferguson, Rich Chierico, Bill McCauley, Carolyn White, Jesse Macro, Bobby Reinhardt
Guests: Richard O' Brien, Bob Kaplan, Denise Florczak, Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

We turned in our donation to IRTAPAC.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

First, Len handed out material on do-not-call list and this phone number, 888-382-1222, which can be called to facilitate being on the no-call list.. Liz White has information on an AARP safe driving class on line or an actual class which will reduce auto insurance by \$50.00 per person per year. The Area II Conference was effective. Rich Chierico felt that it was vital that Jim Bachman spoke. With State Senator Link's reference to the State Constitution which is very clear on the obligations to pensions, it is appalling that there are attempts to change these pension obligations. Denise Florczak pointed out that there was a response to the recent Chicago Tribune editorial. Reinhard Taylor commented on web sites for units, some of which are very small. Finally, the list of Unit 90 Officers will come up in there near future.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2011 (Len Kortekaas)

The Spring Tours to the Fox Valley on Tuesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 18th have 41 people for the first tour and 27 for the second. We still need people to sign up. which brings up the issue of having 2 tours when they are not yet filled. Reinhard Taylor felt we should offer 2 tours to affirm our organization. Bill McCauley will send out a reminder. Len e-mailed Bill Hinchliff to get details on the menu etc. Len will be in charge of the first tour while Liz White will handle the second. One of the issues in having tours of this sort is that younger retirees often associate such tours with older people they do not quite identify with. Next is the Summer Luncheon on Tuesday, June 21st at the Kemper Lakes Gold Club. The Whites have organized this event which is pretty well set. The bar will have a flat charge of \$5.00 for all drinks. The golf deal is still good. If available, Bob Lyons will be the speaker. Rich Chierico pointed out that there should be a legislative report by both Bob Lyons and Marti Swanson. The Day at the Races is our next event. Rich Chierico will organize the outing. The price will go up to \$57.15 per person. We need at least 16 people. There does not seem to be much interest. Rich does not feel that we should subsidize this, but we can afford it at \$50.00 per person. Tuesday, September 15th is a possible date. The general feeling of the Board is that we should have this event. Reinhard will send out a survey on what people are interested in

which will be discussed at the May meeting. The Newbee Breakfast follows on September 7th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center with the Whites in charge. The State 2011 IRTA Convention is next on October 17 and 18 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Len will coordinate our participation with Unit 90 covering all costs except the Hotel. Our final event is the Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7 at the Inverness Golf Club with the Whites in charge.

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

Jesse had no report, and he will attend the next meeting of his committee. Reinhard was at the Information Committee meeting which met along with the member benefits group which emphasized the benefits of triple A and Verizon.

5) Membership Drive:

As of now District 220 is done while 214 and 211 are not done. 54, 59, and 23 are done.

6) Committee Reports-

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

Bobby handed out a membership summary. We have 122 members who need to renew. There are 999 members in Unit 90 while there are 1,491 in IRTA State membership.

Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

A \$25.00 donation was made in memory of John D. Taylor.

Web Site (Reinhard Taylor)

Visits keep increasing to 675 per month. Our Web Site is very effective.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

We received a 30% response to our e-mail survey. About 450 to 490 members receive information from us through e-mail. Reinhard Taylor made up a post card sent to those whose e-mail addresses were not functioning. Thus, we have a problem, especially with no regular mailing addresses for these people.

Legislative (Jesse Macro)

Jesse will attend the next meeting of his committee on the 18th of May. IFT is having a rally about pensions in the city this coming Saturday at noon.

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 MAY 4,2011