

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2011

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Frank Compton, Bob Lyons, Doris Haack, Bobby Reinhardt, Len Kortekaas, Reinhard Taylor, Liz White, Rich Chierico, Carolyn White, Jesse Macro, Bill McCauley
Guests: Denise Florczak, Dave Buchheit, Grace McEwen, Bob Kaplan, Bill Bailey

1) Treasurers Report -There was no report because Bob Ferguson was not here.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Nominations for next year are complete except for the position of Secretary. Len is willing to serve another 2 years as President. The reactions to the first Spring Tour were very positive. One suggestion was to skip the tour of the Old Second Bank. One problem was how to handle changing the couple who did not show up because their luncheon was paid for on the first tour. They will go on the second tour. A motion was made by Reinhard Taylor, seconded by Liz White, that we should charge them \$22.50 to cover the cost of missed meals. This motion passed.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2011 (Len Kortekaas)

First is the Summer Luncheon on Tuesday, June 21st at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club. The Whites are in charge, and things are pretty well set. The Newbee Breakfast comes next on Wednesday, September 7th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. The Whites are in charge and the August Newsletter will announce this. E-mail reminders will also be sent out. The Day at the Races follows on Thursday September 15th at the Arlington Park Race Track. Rich Chierico is running this event and handed out a flier which gives the cost of \$50.00 per person which includes general parking, admission to the racecourse, the Daily Racing Guide, a lavish two-hour buffet in the International Room and wine, beer, soft drinks and water. The deadline is Thursday, September 8, 2011. We need a minimum of 16 people. The TRS Fall meetings should come next, but as yet, we have no dates. The 2011 IRTA State Convention follows on October 17 and 18. The site is the Springfield Hilton Hotel. Call 217-789-1530 to make reservations. After the Convention the IRTAPAC will host a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion. Donations of \$100.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple are required. We are waiting for more details. There will be a notice of this event in the August Newsletter. The last event is the Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th at the Inverness Golf Club. With the Whites in charge, we are set.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Reinhard Taylor)

The Membership/Information Services Committees had a joint meeting on March 31, 2011. Reinhard said there were 4 major points as follows: 1) Encourage the use of e-mail, 2) Use Voter Voice, 3) Have more units establish a web site, 4) Encourage membership in both the local unit and the State. Jesse Macro wants more contact with Region 3 people even though he is on the Legislative Committee.

5) Membership Drive

We have the District 211 retirees list. Reminders will be sent out to all by mail. District 15 list will come in. Districts 23,25,54,57,59, and 214 are all done. District 207 is partially done.

6) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

At present we have over 1000 members. About 110 have yet to renew.

Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

A donation of \$25.00 will be sent in memory of Dennis Ferguson.

Web Site (Reinhard Taylor)

Reinhard is working on rewards to encourage people to read more of the site material.

Member Benefits (Mary Lou Tansey)

Mary Lou cannot do this job any more.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

With different groups having different colors, there is some confusion.

Information Services.(Rich Chierico)

Rich feels strongly that this committee should be separate from the Membership Benefits Committee.

Legislative (Jesse Macro and Bob Lyons)

Jesse will attend the next meeting of the Legislative Committee. Bob Lyons pointed out that Bob Haisman, former IEA President, is apt to use an alarmist approach to pension issues. Bob further commented that a bill is being drafted in Springfield like the Tom Cross Bill in which current teachers will have a choice among a 20% contribution, tier 2 9.4% or a 401 K plan where the teacher will pay 6% and the school district will also pay 6%. All benefits up to this point will not be changed. This proposal will lead to law suits. Bob does not think such a bill will pass because of an unfavorable reaction of the general public. This will not be a 24-hour deal.

Finally, Bob feels that the IEA made it clear to Governor Quinn not to sign such legislation.

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 JUNE 1, 2011