

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

November 2, 2011

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

**Guests:** Bob Kaplan, Sandy Ratter, Gayle Filantres, Cindy Ruszay, Rich O'Brien, Dave Buchheit, Anita Smith

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

All IRTAPAC funds were turned in.

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

Review of the IRTA Convention: Basically it was low key and successful. Gary Ellman gave an excellent speech and seems to be a good leader. Rich Chierico felt that Jim Bachman should have given legislation information to the whole Convention. Bachman will be told this. Bob Lyons said that the Crowne Plaza was a better site than the Hilton. The IRTAPAC luncheon was well attended and delicious. Jim Bachman did receive a raise while the weak point in his evaluation was communication which ties in well with what Rich Chierico said earlier. Reinhard Taylor explained the dues deduct process which gives a person a year of free dues. His presentation worked out well with two units wanting to set up web sites which brings the total in the State to 11. His goal is to set up more web sites and increase communications. The fall TRS meeting at Forest View drew 84 people while there were about 100 individuals at Barrington High School and 60 at Schaumburg High School. Many people came for information rather than wanting to retire in 2012.

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

First we have the show at the Paramount Theater, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", on November 16 in Aurora coordinated by Len Kortekaas and Liz White. There are 22 signed up so far. The deadline is the 10th of November. All information is on line and will be in the November Newsletter. Our final event of the year is the Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6 at the Inverness Golf Club. The Whites are in charge. Everything is pretty well set with the cost of \$24.00 per person. Our entertainment will be the Barrington High School Madrigal Singers. The Spring Tours were briefly discussed. We are looking into two tours, one with Dr. Cutler and one with Bill Hinchliff and will make a decision in January.

#### **4) Committee Reports-**

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

984 people now belong with 344 who need to renew. These individuals will be notified.

##### **Web Site (Reinhard Taylor)**

He will add information to the Site.

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

Bill sent out information on the Paramount Trip and pending legislation.

##### **Legislation (Bob Lyons)**

Bob went down to Springfield last Tuesday to monitor the veto session. He felt it should be clearly noted that changes in the pensions of active teachers will affect the pensions of present retirees. Teachers make up 55% of State Retirees. We will have 1.5 billion coming in from investments, but we will have to sell assets to make payments. SB 512 will cost the State more than if it did nothing. For most retirees the pension is calculated on the number of years taught and the highest average salary. The money purchase plan will apply to those who did not work that much. The Tier 1 plan would increase deductions of present teachers in the future from 13.4% and up. The Civic Club is placing their approach at risk because of Constitutional issues. If people go to the third option, a 401 K plan, there would be no money going into the pension fund. The 6% contribution of teachers in the Tier 2 plan will lessen the contributions to the pension as well. All the representatives of other groups would like to come up with a plan that is constitutional and sustainable. Bob talked to Tom Cross and told him that SB 512 would not work. Later a story came out that 512 would be called. When Cross saw this, he said it wasn't true. Bob feels that Cross is being manipulated by Madigan. Bob also thinks if SB 512 is called, the votes are not there. The philosophy seems to be that people vote for a bad bill because they know it will not be called or passed. Other solutions to the pension problem bring in normal costs which would involve school districts contributing more. This would lead to larger property taxes. Some good news is our investments paid over 23%. Finally, Bob feels that Governor Quinn has zero support in the legislature.

##### **Meeting Schedule for 2012:**

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

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2012**