



ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

<http://www.irta-unit90.org>

Minutes : 1 February 2012 submitted by Richard O'Brien

Present: Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekaas, Bob Lyons, Jesse Marco, Bobby Reinhardt,
Reinhard Taylor, Carolyn White, Liz White

Guests: Bob Kaplan, Sandy Ritter

1. Treasurer's Report (Bob F.)

No significant change. Spring luncheon down payment looks good.

2. President's Report (Len K.)

Refer to schedule below. Wishing Doris speedy recovery.

3. Continued President's report relating to U90 Schedule for 2012.

4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2012 (Len K.)

Event : Spring Tour, Stained Glass Churches/Synagogues Tour

Date : April 26t. \$50 for bus. Lunch at Mamie's (\$15ish)

Location : Chicago

Coordinator : Len Kortekaas

Event : Area 2 Conference

Date : 19 March, Monday, 9:00-1:00

Location : Randall Oaks Golf Course, 4101 Binney Road (just west of Randall
Rd.), West Dundee

Coordinator : Len Kortekaas

Event : Summer Luncheon

Date : 12 June, Tuesday, 11:00

Location : Inverness Golf Club

Coordinator : Liz White

Event : Day at the Races

Date : Date to be set. \$50.00/person

Location : Arlington Park

Coordinator : Rich Chierico

Event : Newbee Breakfast

Date : 5 September, Wednesday, 9:00

Location : Rm. 183A, Arlington Heights Senior Citizen Center

Coordinator : Liz White, Carolyn White

Event : 2012 Legislative Luncheon
Date : 9 October, Tuesday, 11:00
Location : Inverness Golf Club
Coordinator : Liz W.

Event : Holiday Luncheon
Date : 4 December, Tuesday, 11:00
Location : Inverness Golf Course
Coordinator : Liz White, Carolyn White

5. Membership Drive

Need to check on Hoffman Estates retirees (D211) and keep on top of D214 and D220 retirees.

6. Committee Reports

1) Membership (Bobby R.)

Still need to address slow responses to members and potential members to join.

2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris H.)

Continuing

3) Member Benefits (Denise F.)

Continuing

4) Communications (Bill M.)

Continuing

5) Information Services (Rich C.)

Continuing

6) Volunteer Services (Carolyn W.)

Continuing

7) Webmaster; (Reinhard T.)

Repeat of last meeting. Currently 12 Units within area have websites. Possible use of U-tube to inform and enlighten retirees.

8) Legislative (Bob L./ Jesse M.)

Strongly suggested that schools and universities pick up a large percentage of the funding shortfall. This would be through increased property taxes. So, what Tom Cross is suggestion is a "billion dollar" property tax increase. No way this would fly.

Three possibilities:

A. COLA for retired people. It is done in other states.

B. Tax pensions and annuities. Everyone is taxed and it would go into the General Funding.

C. Other state employees would pay more as some pay less.

The key focus is the "constitutionality" of state funding. The IEA

and IFT would go to court and this would lead to a waste of money. What both the IEA and IFT agree upon is that a necessary change is needed but must be “affordably the State. What must be continually monitored is the State playing one group against the other. Ten ways to pay the need for novel ideas were such as: State could amend tax structure to become a Gradated Income Tax program or, increase the number of Casinos in Chicago!

Key to this issue of funding through taxation is the forthcoming election in November. (On a recent WTTW program addressing the Governor’s proposal on two large issues, Pensions and Prisons, overall idea was a wait-and-see what comes out of the November elections.)

7. Miscellaneous

Meeting Schedule for 2012 : 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 March 7, 2012