

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90 of IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

March 5, 2014 10:00 am
SUBMITTED BY LIZ WHITE

Present: Dave Buchheit, Barb DiGaudio, Bob Ferguson, Bob Kaplan, Len Kortekaas, Bob Lyons, Herb Rangl, Sandy Ratter, Cindy Ruszay, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White and Liz White

1. Approval of Minutes (Richard O'Brien)

A motion was made by Rich Chierico, seconded by Liz White, to approve the minutes of the January 8 Executive Board Meeting. This passed.

2. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Ratter)

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Moved by Liz, seconded by Reinhard. Several questions were asked by newly installed treasurer for points of clarification. Questions were answered.

3. President's Report (Bob Kaplan)

Events:

Area 2 Conference

Date: March 10, 2014 9 am

Location: Randall Oaks Golf Club & Banquets 4101 Binnie Rd., West Dundee
14 or 15 plan to attend, depending on how Bobby Reinhard feels. Conference is being held at Randall Oaks Golf Course. Each participant is assigned to an area of interest.

Coordinator: Bob Kaplan

Spring Tour

Date: May 8, 2014 9:30 am

Reviewed by Liz and Bob Kaplan. A new movie tour company was contracted after initial group proved uninterested. The flyer was created indicating that the Tour's trio of treats would begin by boarding the coach (arranged by Len) at Forest View Educational Center at 9:30 am. The first stop will be at the Long Grove Confectionery Factory and Outlet store. Cost is \$2.00 per person, which is included in total cost of the Tour. Depart Long Grove Confectionery by noon, arriving at Rock 'n' Roll McDonalds at 12:30 to collect Movie Tour Directors. Tour to follow with DVD of specific movie locations. Walking not required, but participants can get out and walk. Complete movie tour by 2:30. Manny's Deli for lunch is the final leg of the Tour. Lunch is included in the price of the Tour. Return to Forest View about 4:45pm.

Summer Luncheon

Date: June 10, 2014

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Coordinator: Liz White

Newbee Breakfast

Date: Wednesday September 3, 9:00 am

Location: Arlington Heights. Senior Center - Room 183A

Information to be put on Unit 90 website. 2014 retirees have been identified in six districts. Other districts are "in the works"

Coordinator: Liz White

Day at Arlington Park

Date: Thursday, September 18

Location: Arlington International Racetrack

Rich Chierico is structuring this as an IRTA fundraiser, with assistance from Reinhard and Bob Kaplan, and is opening it up to every IRTA member. Cost would be \$100.00 per person, with excess funding to go to the legal defense of our pension fight. Our deposit is refundable until July 18, so Reinhard is going to help promote the project, beginning at the Area 2 Conference and also putting it on the Unit 90 website.

Coordinator: Rich Chierico

TRS Meetings

Date: TBA

Location: TBA

Coordinator: Bob Kaplan

2014 Legislative Breakfast

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Coordinator: Bob Lyons, Jesse Macro and Liz White

Holiday Luncheon

Date: December 2, 2014

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Coordinator: Liz White

5. Committee Reports**1) Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)**

No report.

2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

Unit 90 is donating \$500.00 to the Foundation in memory of Roger Steingraber. Moved by Reinhard. Seconded by Liz.

3) Communications/Web Site/Information Services (Reinhard Taylor)

Information will be emailed regarding upcoming election. Information will be presented at the Area 2 Conference regarding A Day at Arlington Park

4) Member Benefits (Rich Chierico)

No report.

6) Volunteer Services (Carolyn White)

Information in the Newsletter.

7) Newsletter Coordinator (Len Kortekaas)

New information needed by April 24.

8) Legislative (Bob Lyons, Jesse Macro)

Bob Lyons presented information covering the past five years covering the state of TRS investments. He also indicated that the Arizona state supreme court ruled that the state could not diminish pension benefits. Their constitution is based on that of New York, as is Illinois'. Bob also indicated that 98% of Illinois pension checks are deposited electronically. That means about 5,000 checks are mailed, but are not sent from TRS. Bob also presented information about the upcoming primary. On the Republican side, he indicated Rauner has about 40% of the possible Republican votes, while Dillard has about 14%. Bob also said the Rauner forces lined up the big-time fund-raisers early on, so are able to put on loads of advertising. The other candidates are struggling to get funds and therefore, advertising.

Begin talking up our Legislative Breakfast. The event should prove to be of great interest to our members, given the legal situation regarding our pensions.

6. Next Meeting

Remaining schedule of meetings for 2014: Wed 4/2, Wed 5/7 (mailing) Wed 6/4, Wed 8/6 (mailing), Wed 9/3 (Breakfast Meeting - Rm 183A), Wed 10/1, Wed 11/5 (mailing) No meeting in July and December.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 10:00 am in room 172. At 11:00 we'll discuss plans for A Day at Arlington Park.