

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

April 2, 2014 10:00 am
SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Liz White, Bob Lyons, Sandy Ratter, Bob Kaplan, Frank Compton, Bobby Reinhardt, Doris Haack, Rich Chierico, Carol Peterson, Linda Wagner, Cindy Ruszay, Carolyn White, Herb Rangl, Linda Wallin, Bob Ferguson, Dave Buchheit

1. Approval of Minutes (Richard O'Brien)

Liz white moved, Bob Lyons seconded

2. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Ratter)

Doris Haack moved approval, Cindy Ruszay seconded

3. President's Report (Bob Kaplan)

Bob mentioned the thank-you letter from Roger Steingraber's sons which showed us even more what a fine leader and person he was.

Next Bob mentioned the "Button for Nuttin" production, a world premier at Cutting Hall in Palatine. This is a worthy fund-raiser. Liz moved that our Unit should sponsor charity activities proposed by Unit members. Bob Lyons seconded. The motion passed.

27 people are currently signed up for the Spring Tour. Bob Lyons felt we should open up the tour to other Units in the area to boost participation.

Bob Kaplan stated that the Area 2 Conference went well. It was well organized and in a good location.

Most 2014 retirees have been contacted. Some districts are difficult, but Bob is going through channels to get the information.

Events:

Spring Tour (Chocolate, Movies & Manny's)

Date: May 8, 2014 9:30 am

Depart from Forest View Educational Center

Summer Luncheon

Date: June 10, 2014

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Price of meal is set at \$25 per person (subsidized by Unit 90)

Coordinator: Liz White

Newbee Breakfast

Date: Wednesday September 3, 9:00 am

Location: Arlington Heights. Senior Center - Room 183A

Coordinator: Liz White

Day at Arlington Park

Date: Thursday, September 18

Location: Arlington International Racetrack

Rich Chierico has organized this event with great effort and detail. He handed out two pages of details. The focus of this event is to raise money for the IRTA Legal Defense Fund. Reinhard is presenting the idea to the IRTA Board of Directors in Springfield, IL. Rich mentioned that he's made contact with a Holiday Inn for decent rates for people who might travel for this Day at Arlington Park. Finally, Rich wanted all question to be directed to him

Coordinator: Rich Chierico

TRS Meetings

Date: TBA

Location: TBA

Coordinator: Bob Kaplan

2014 Legislative Breakfast

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Inverness Golf Club The menu is set.

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)

We have 984 members at present. She will send out one more notice to the 53 people who need to renew.

2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

Memorial donations of \$25 were made in the name of each of the following:
Bernice Gliege, Jerry Cairns, Helen Serges and Lydia Erikson

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

No report

4) Member Benefits (Rich Chierico)

Rich handed out a copy of the Members Benefits Committee meeting of March 18, 2014 in Springfield, IL

6) Volunteer Services (Carolyn White)

No report

7) Newsletter Coordinator (Len Kortekaas)

New information needed by April 24.

8) Legislative (Bob Lyons, Jesse Macro)

Bob Lyons stated that the pretrial hearing on the court challenge to the pension bill is in May. There seems to be no hurry. In summer something might happen. The Chicago pension situation is poor. Mayor Emanuel will raise taxes and try to reduce pension benefits. Chicago may serve as a preview of our pension situation. There is a question of who will endorse Governor Quinn. The unions will have to work for Quinn with enthusiasm. If Rauner wins he will have to deal with a Democrat legislature. Maybe he can accomplish some things. He will push for charter schools. The 3% millionaires tax is Madigan's attempt to raise funds. Finally, a person like Rauner may be a factor in influencing the Black vote in Chicago.

6. Next Meeting

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

The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 10:00 am in room 172.