

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90 of IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Submitted by: Liz White
May 1, 2019

Attendees: Frank Compton, Joan Howdle, Liz White, Marna BOunstein, Mark Boumstein, Jane McCauley, Bobby Reinhardt, Linda Wagner, Sandy Ratter, Rich Chierico, Bob Ferguson, Janice Calvery, Carolyn White, Barb DiGuidio

1. The minutes from the April Board meeting were accepted as presented. Motion to accept proposed by Bob Ferguson, seconded by Linda Wagner. Voice vote passed the motion.
2. Treasurer's report: Sandy detailed her wish to move the Unit 90 money to a "real" savings account at a bank yet to be decided. Motion to accept this move was proposed by Bob Ferguson and seconded by Linda Wagner. Voice vote passed the motion.

President's Report:

- a. Review of *Mamma Mia* trip was very positive. Those in attendance felt the food at Drury Lane was great and the performance was terrific.
 - b. Information that is currently available (date and location) for the Area II conference were reviewed. Bobby and Frank both had to withdraw their names from attending. Barb indicated she plans to attend.
 - c. Explained the Unit 90 support of the Akiem Hicks Charity Softball Game was not going to happen due to lack of response.
 - d. The group decided to nominate Bob Lyons as the 2019 Convention Unit 90 Honoree.
 - e. Liz reviewed and reminded members about the Spring Luncheon. Many turned in their forms, others said they would mail it in. Liz encouraged all to bring friends, family and former colleagues.
4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2019:
 - a. Area II Conference was reviewed (see above).

b. Sumer Luncheon

Liz reminded members about the luncheon and encouraged all to attend.

c. New Member Breakfast

A brief discussion developed as Linda indicated that some districts will not provide the names of retirees; FOA was mentioned; all realized that names were made available from the State

d. State Convention: All were reminded about the upcoming convention and all were encouraged to attend. (Hopefully, more information will be forthcoming soon.)

e. Fall 2019 TRS Meetings: the procedure for these meetings was reviewed for those who were unfamiliar with the process

f. Holiday luncheon: Liz reminded all that it was scheduled for December 6, and urged all to plan their schedules ahead to make certain they could attend. Liz reminded the group that Bob Kaplan has already secured the entertainment for the luncheon: the Jazz Band from District 54.

Committee Reports”

1. Membership: Bobby reports there are 49 who have not yet renewed their Unit 90 membership; there are currently 740 Unit 90 members. A discussion ensued regarding methods to “reach” potential members. All agreed that this is a growing problem not only for Unit 90 and IRTA, but almost all organizations are suffering from lack of commitment from the younger generations.

2. No report from Foundation/Scholarship

3. Member Benefits: Rich reminded all that the State has sent a letter to all members about the benefits available.

4. Information Services: no report

5. Volunteer Services: no report from Carolyn; however, she provided a brief update on Karl, who is improving but not yet driving.

6. Newsletter Coordinator: Jane indicated the newsletters are completed. There are now only 67 who get their newsletters via USPS. She also told us a bit about having joined ETS. She is truly enjoying helping to provide transportation to area seniors to medical and dental appointments.
7. Legislative: no report
8. TRS: no report

Miscellaneous: a discussion developed regarding planning social events for the members. We were reminded that all were asked to look into places and ideas for trips or social activities. Liz mentioned having some information about Brunch Cruises on Lake Michigan by Odyssey, but had been unsuccessful in getting further information as they were not open "for the season". However, Barb, working on her iPad, found the necessary information, which was apparently posted just today. Discussion followed and it was determined that we didn't necessarily need to plan these activities for the summer; early September could also work.

Jane reminded us that since all but 67 get their Unit 90 information via email, so activities could be planned during the summer hiatus and distributed in a timely manner.

With that in mind, it was decided that all would work on gathering information about possible activities for Unit 90 and email them to the other Board members so we can discuss them at the Area II conference.

Adjourned by agreement at 11:10 am