



## Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

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Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 10:00 am Arlington Heights Senior Center - Room 183A

**Attendance:** Janice Calvey, Liz White, Jane McCauley, Karl-Heinz Gabbey, Reinhard Taylor, Carolyn White, Linda Wallin, Sandy Ratter, Rich Chierico and Frank Compton

**1. Minutes** (Linda Wallin) from Jan. 8, 2020 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report** (Sandy Ratter) was approved.

**3. President's Report** (Jane McCauley)

Bob Kaplan was ill and was not able to discuss the IRTA Constitution changes. Reinhard's gave a presentation at the end of the meeting on the IRTA web site. Wendy Wieggers will be at the March meeting. Don't need a presentation on legislative action at March meeting since we have Bob.

**4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2020**

The only scheduled event at the moment is lunch and a play, "An American in Paris" on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Drury Lane organized by Liz White at a cost of \$60 per person.

Unscheduled Future Events are the summer luncheon: We are shooting for the 3rd or 5th of June. Our New Member Breakfast will probably be September 2, which would be our Sept. meeting.

Our Legislative Breakfast will probably be sometime in October, and our Holiday Luncheon will be in December. The board voted to take another bus tour from "Chicago's Finest Tours", called The Roaring Twenties Bus Tour during the summer.

**5. Committee Reports**

Bobby Reinhardt is resigning her position as Membership Chair. Janette Wanner has offered to take the position. Rich moved and Liz seconded. It was approved. Membership is down to 762. 69 people need to renew. We have 220 life members (21 are over 90).

Five members are from other IRTA groups for communication purposes. We are using the new logo on membership forms.

Doris Haack sent memorials to the IRTA Foundation for Ronald A. Giusti, Melvin Boeckenhauer, and Haskell D. Brown in January.

Rich Chierico had not received any news about member benefits. There has been a change in the chair of the state committee.

Reinhard Taylor made a flowchart of IRTA showing state, regional and area officers and explained it to us. He did a short presentation about the web site. He also pointed out the new IRTA Logo, which emphasizes using the full name of the organization. We signed up to contact districts about memberships for retiring teachers.

Carolyn White had no news at this time, but will put an article in our newsletter.

Jane McCauley gave a Feb. 28th deadline for the March newsletter.

Karl-Heinz Gabbey handed out an AFSCME flyer with information on the fair tax. The fair tax would provide funds for pension funds. Opposition from Illinois Policy Institute is expected, but pension debt is growing. The Fair Tax is also opposed by Chambers of Commerce. Pensions are still not fully funded. Ralph Martire, from Center for Tax and Budget Accountability has studied the issue. Recommended by Karl-Heinz. State services are in need.

There was no report on TRS happenings this month.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

**Meeting Schedule for 2020:** 2/5, 3/4 (Newsletter), 4/1, 5/6 (Newsletter), 6/3, 8/4 (Newsletter), 9/2, 10/7 and 11/4 (Newsletter)

**No meetings in July and December**

Next Meeting: February 5, 2020,  
10 am, at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, Room 183A