



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:00 am - Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Heinz Gabbey, Bernie Kamenear, Bob Kaplan, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Katherine Philippe, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Janette Wanner, Carolyn White

1. Minutes From August 5, 2020 were approved. (Still need a new Secretary)

2. Treasurer's Report (Linda Wallin) Approved.

3. President's Report (Jane McCauley)

Discussion about political endorsements.

Jane moved that Unit 90 endorse Fred Crespo (District 44), Mark Walker (District 53), Maggie Trevor (District 54) and Michelle Mussman (District 56). Motion carried.

4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2020

Summer Luncheon is canceled Covid-19

New Member Breakfast is canceled Covid-19

Legislative breakfast is canceled due to Covid-19

Bob Lyons and Karl-Heinz Gabbey will meet to prepare an endorsement letter for any candidates that our Unit might want to endorse by next meeting.

December luncheon December 4 still on hold

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) Currently 712 members, 222 are life members, 143 members will have to renew at the end of the year.

Member Benefits: (Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey) Rich stated that no new information has been made available from the State. Janice stated that a Zoom meeting would be held on Sept. 17, originating in Springfield

Website/Information Services: (Reinhard Taylor) The website was updated today. The State Information Services meeting was canceled. Some units are meeting via Zoom and some are sending out newsletters. Reinhard will do a mass mailing on the Fair Tax issue and our Unit endorsements.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) No new information

Foundation: (Doris Haack) No report

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) Next Newsletter is in November

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Karl Gabbey said that the General Assembly had passed a budget. The State will borrow money due to the effects of Covid. Substitutes can teach 120 days. Maggie Trevor turned in her form and received a \$1000 donation from the State IRTPAC. We normally give between \$150 and \$2000 donations. Michelle Mussman did not return the questionnaire, so no IRTPAC money can be given to her, only individual contributions. Although she did not turn in a completed packet, she answered the questions. Therefore, according to Jim Bachman, she is eligible in the "Friends" category to receive a donation of between \$1000-\$2000. We recommend that we donate to her campaign.

TRS: (Bob Lyons) Andy Shaw, from the Better Government Association, asserted that the Fair Tax Amendment would create \$200 million every year for the State government. Illinois owes \$130+ billion to five pension systems in the state. An increase in a flat tax will hurt the poor the worst. A progressive tax means the legislature can raise taxes on the wealthy. Without Covid, it will raise \$300 million, which is not a lot. The rich get their money from ownership and investments, not paychecks. Bob Lyons moved that Unit 90 endorse passages of the amendment. It was seconded by Karl Gabbey. The motion carried. On Sept. 24 the North Lakeshore unit will host a Zoom meeting with Doug Strand.

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

Special thanks to Katherine Philippe for taking these minutes