



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein at 10:12

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Heinz Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from September 4, 2024 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for September was approved as sent online and printed.

3. President's Report (*Mark Boumstein*) Mark received a letter from Tricia Kim (IRTA Membership Services & Outreach Coordinator) about an opportunity for retired educators to join *Pear Deck Tutor*. If interested contact Tricia@irtaonline.org.

Discussion: Ways to charge for meals, activities, etc. IRTA North Shore unit uses a method different from ours. A participant would confirm they were to attend and when arriving each would chose off the menu and pay for their meal individually to the restaurant.

Our Unit 90 sends info with choices of meals and indicates a price. The price includes tax and tip and the total is adjusted. The Unit subsidizes the amount using funds from the treasury. The participant sends a check as indicated on the notice or invitation to our Linda Wagner. The checks are then deposited in the Unit 90 treasury. After discussion, the decision by vote was to continue our current method.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2024 (*Linda Wagner*)

Legislative Lunch Buffet.

40 attended the Legislative Brunch at Westwood Tavern. The food and service was very good. Next time we must start planning the event sooner.

Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be at Inverness Golf Club on Thursday December 5, at 11 am. Entertainment will be the Dist. 54 Jazz Band.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that "we would charge the same price for the Luncheon for all who attend and not have one price for member and a higher price for a non-member". A motion was made that "Linda Wagner, as chair of coming events, may set the price up to \$50 for the Holiday Luncheon".

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) 548 members are active in Unit 90. 488 of those are also active State IRTA members. 242 are Life members. (9 are 90 years or older).

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Report of members who have passed sent as follows: Karen Poncher-(School District 54 retiree), Linda Rodenburg (School District 25 retiree) and Audrey McKenna- (District 214 retiree). Cards have been sent to the families and memorial donations have been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Dental and Vision: All members will be automatically enrolled for coverage and the cost (about \$7) will be deducted monthly from pensions. Other facts discussed: Note that TRS information may be found at the Springfield office and the office in Lisle. (877-927-5877). When dealing with a death of a member, be sure that the death certificate is correct. If the beneficiary is a wife or husband, they will monthly receive 50% of the last pension payment of the deceased. If there is no living wife or husband of the deceased, there may be another beneficiary. That beneficiary will receive a one time amount. That amount will be 1/6 of the amount of the last pension payment of the deceased.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) If you ever do not receive your newsletter, please let Reinhard know. They are also posted on our website <https://irta-unit90.org>

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) 10 members attended the Feed My Starving Children event. September 18, 2024. Kids Above All packing backpacks. (more info coming}.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) All info for the November Newsletter is due October 29.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) No report

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) No report

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Videos are being added to our Facebook Page. See Marna and Mark Boumstein as they tell why they joined Unit 90 of the IRTA.

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) Still working on by laws with Reinhard

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2024: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on November 6, 2024 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center