



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Janice Calvey at 10:00 am

Attendance: John Braglia, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Heinz-Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Herb Rangl, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White and guest Marilyn Nadulek

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from January 8, 2025 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for January 2025 was approved as sent online.

3. President's Report (*Mark Boumstein*) No report.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2024-25 (*Linda Wagner*). No report

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) 551 members are active in Unit 90. 489 of those are also active State IRTA members. 248 are Life members. (9 are 90 years or older).

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) No report.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Rainy attended the January 14 Zoom meeting. There will be several new pamphlets coming out from the IRTA and AMBA with their new products highlighted (Short Term Home Health Care, ProLiability, Fraud/Legal protection, Connect America). Dental rates will remain the same for 2025. IRTA will begin offering travel packages through a new company Boscovs Travel. Upcoming trips are Coastal Maine (September 14-19), Tuscany (October) and Christmas at the Biltmore (December 10-14).

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) No report.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) Feed my Starving Children on February 19 9-11 am. Carolyn also has made contact with Kids Above All for a couple of additional dates to stuff baby bundles (May 6) and backpacks (August 5). Stay tuned.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) Newsletter was sent out.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) Keep an eye on the budget and state address. February 7 is deadline for new bills. Karl anticipates that the Fair Retirement and Retention Act will have some movement (HB 5909/SB 3988). The IRTA Executive Committee has authorized signing on to an Amicus Brief for the Kievlan vs. Judges case which could have a negative impact on TRS members.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) Bob reported that in April many townships are adding referendums to do away with our pensions. They do not have any standing, but this could be used as fodder for the State.

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) We have a reach of 80 interactions on Facebook with 41 followers and 27 engagements.

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) No report.

Other Business: IRTA Convention is October 27 and 28 with the 70th Anniversary Celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted
Secretary Pro Tempore
Rainy Kaplan

Meeting Schedule for 2025: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on March 5, 2025 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center