NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2009 SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Liz White, Frank Compton, Reinhard Taylor, Roger Steingraber, Bobby Reinhardt, Len Kortekaas, Bob Ferguson, Doris Haack, Bill McCauley, Jesse Macro, Carolyn White **Guests:** Ron Gummerson and Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Ron Ferguson)

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

The AFT-IFT Legislative Breakfast will be on March 7th at 9:00 am at Stonegate. Bob Ferguson, Jesse Macro, Ron Gummerson, Reinhard Taylor and Len Kortekaas will attend. The IRTA Nominating Committee has sent out forms for nominations for officers for the coming 2 years. We thank Roger Steingraber for his thanks for our support for him and his family with the loss of his devoted wife.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2009 (Len Kortekaas)

The Area II Conference is our first event which will take place on Monday, March 16 at Randall Oaks Golf in West Dundee. 10 people from our unit will attend with the cost being covered with Bob sending in a check. Len handed out information on the details of the agenda and a map. Doris Haack is in charge.

The Spring Tour comes next on 2 individual days, April 14th and April 23rd. Led by Dr. Cutler, this tour will cover Historic Chicago Highlights and Landmarks. Len and Liz are the coordinators. Next is the Summer Luncheon on Wednesday, June 17th at the Inverness Golf Club. All we need is the menu and a determination of the cost. Liz and Carolyn White are in charge. The Newbee Breakfast and IRTA Board Meeting follow on Wednesday, September 9th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. We will have to move the Board Meeting. Liz White suggested sending out an e-mail invitation in May to potential guests as well as a notice in the May Newsletter. Len and the White's will coordinate.

The Day at The Races will take place on Thursday, September 17th at Arlington Park Race Track with Rich Chierico in charge. Rich sent Len information on the menu. There will be a 4-hour cash bar which will reduce the general cost.

Next is a possible Golf Outing in the Fall, coordinated by the White's and Bob Ferguson. We are ready for responses to see if there are enough people interested.

The 2009 IRTA State Convention takes place on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Len Kortekaas is the coordinator. Again, nomination forms for future officers are available.

The final event is the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd. The White's will be in charge. Carolyn White kindly looked into various locations and handed out a sheet which compared prices and arrangements. Reinhard Taylor made a motion, seconded by Bob Ferguson, to book the Wellington. This motion passed.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack, Reinhard Taylor, Jesse Macro)

The Area II Conference is all set with maps and agendas handed out to those who are going. Reinhard will attend a meeting next month while Jesse will try to make the Legislative Committee meeting this month. The GPO and WEP issues are still alive.

5) Directory (Reinhard Taylor)

The Directory is now complete thanks to Reinhard. With his skills and effort, it will be current and accurate as never before.

6) Membership Drive (Bill McCauley)

The District 211 list is still not complete nor are District 15 and District 59 lists.

7) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

200 people need to renew. 870 are paid up.

Foundation (Doris Haack)

\$25.00 will be sent to the Foundation in the memory of Dan Otzen.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

Bill will send out e-mails on renewing memberships.

8) Miscellaneous

We will deal with the Constitution at the next Board meeting. With State Treasurer Giannoulias wanting to combine all State retirement funds, we need, as do active teachers, to express our feelings against this idea very strongly. Bob Lyons will know about this issue.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 1, 2009