

March 2, 2010

The Fergus Falls Retirees Group met at the VFW with 46 members present.

Following the common table grace, a meal was served by the VFW Auxilliary.

The meeting was called to order by Vince Thoma, President.

Birthdays: February: Karen Toso, Darlene Dimke and Val Norman. March Birthday: Wanda Durham.

Obituaries: Barb Olson. A card was sent to her mother, Phyllis Ness.

The Secretary's report was approved as read by Val Nelson.
The Treasurer's Report was approved as read by Karen Toso.

Marcia Harles Johnson from the Red Cross was our speaker. It is the only source of communication between the civilians and the military in times of emergency. Fergus Falls Blood Drives are the best in the nation as reported by the Minneapolis Headquarters. Fergus Falls blood courier service is the only one in the nation maintained by volunteers. 80 to 90 percent of every dollar goes back to the community in the form of aid during natural disasters and emergency aid after a house fire. Sixteen year olds can donate blood with a signed parent's release. There is no upper age limit. There are some medication restrictions in relation to giving blood and to find out which ones, contact the Red Cross at 736-3481. The Red Cross is located at the US Bank across from Goodyear.

Old Business: Vince proposed giving the February speaker a \$10.00 lunch certificate to Mabel Murphy's since we didn't have a meal here. The motion was approved.

New Business: There was discussion of an alternative place to hold our meetings. Karen Toso had contacted th American Legion and they are unable to provide a meal for seven dollars and would also need to know the number of people to serve ahead of time. The VFW does not make any money off of the meal that they serve us. Inga Krause presented what the Eagles would be able to provide. They would be able to match what the VFW is currently providing. Vince opened the meeting for discussion and after some discussion, a motion was made to stay here and was unanimously approved.

New Members: Joanne Connelly and Inga Krause
The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Nelson, Secretary