

MRSEA WEST CENTRAL SUB CHAPTER

The Sub Chapter met at the Osakis V.F.W. Building at 701 East 8th Avenue, Osakis, Minnesota, Thursday, November 13, 2008, for a noon lunch and meeting with 17 members (total 34) in attendance. Darlyne Pogose opened the meeting about 12:30 p.m. by introducing the three guest speakers: Dave Bergstrom, MSRS Executive Director; John Kuderka, MRSEA Board Director; and Mark Tyser, council of Aging, Senior Information Line, Fergus Falls. She asked for a volunteer Recorder for the meeting to which Charlotte Petersen of Starbuck responded. Lois Bielke MOVED for Charlotte to be Recorder, seconded by Darrell Lorsung and the motion passed. President Dar explained that at the last meeting she volunteered to be President and Lois Bielke to be Treasurer in order to keep the Chapter up and running. We should now affirm these positions. With no other nominees, John Bosum MOVED that Dar and Lois fill the President and Treasurer positions; Roy Walz seconded; and the MOTION passed.

Treasurer Lois reported a beginning balance in October 2006 of \$355.56 and several receipts/expenses for a current balance of \$256.15. MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Burlet, seconded by John Bettendorf, and passed. We discussed the location for the next meeting, possibly Joseph's in Avon (President Dar will check) and perhaps rotating between the two locations. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read off the computer by Laura Dobozenki of the MRSEA office. One correction was made concerning Lois volunteering to be Treasurer, not Secretary. MOTION to accept the Minutes as amended was made by Adeline Wolbeck, seconded by Bill Burlet, and passed.

Mark Tyser, Council on Aging, spoke on the numerous programs/services in our nine-county area, stating there are three main areas—Contract Administration (the Nutrition Program the largest with 69 sites); the Information Senior Linkage Line; and Program Development.

Dave Bergstrom stated that he mostly wanted to assure us that the retirement system is in good shape at 95 percent funding; that it has been worse and we will survive; that improvement should take place in 18 months to two years; and there will be a 2.5 percent increase for 2009. The active and post-retiree funds may be combined, and he explained how that would work.

John Kuderka spoke on Health Plans, the premiums, and open enrollment between Nov. 5 and 18. He said there is no longer a DOER office as it has been merged with Finance. The general phone line is 651 355-0100 (suggestion to ask

for Bob “EZ”--DOER employee). Also, the MRSEA number is 1-877-487-0402 (see newsletter or membership card); and there will be a new website by Jan. 1, 2009—www.mrsea.org. Laura talked about renewals and that she will post the minutes and meeting dates. We drew for door prizes and the meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Petersen