

March 3, 2009

The Fergus Falls Retirees Group met at the VFW with 36 members present.

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

Retirees who were welcomed back were Keith Lange and Karl Schnathorst.

Birthdays: Ginny Thom

Anniversaries: Vince Thoma has been retired 5 years and Jerry Zeismer has been retired for 7 years.

The Secretary's report was approved as read by Val Nelson.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read by Karen Toso.

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

Our guest speaker, John Schmidt, presented information on taxes. He serves low and moderate income people for free. There are four tax preparers at the Senior Citizens Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He is available at Otter Tail Power on Saturdays. Returns are electronically filed. This year, if you live in your own home and pay property taxes, there is a \$500 addition for a single person or \$1,000 addition to the standard deduction for a couple. The State considers income differently than the Federal government.

Laura Dobozenki, Business Service Provider for MRSEA, gave information about the new website and also distributed the E-mail address and new phone number. The toll free number is the same 1-877-487-0402.

The Secretary's Report was approved as read by Val Nelson, Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report by Karen Toso was approved as read. The beginning balance was \$258.90 and the ending balance was \$317.90.

The Social Secretary had cards for everyone to sign.

Old Business: Vince took a vote to continue to have regular business meetings.

New Business: Val Nelson asked if members would like to change the order of business by having the business meeting first and then have lunch to allow more time for visiting. Vince will take a vote next ~~week~~ month.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 7, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Val Nelson, Secretary