

BRAINERD SUB-CHAPTER MRSEA

June 18, 2009

President Peggy Hildebrandt introduced speaker Carol Ann Burtness from the University of Minnesota Extension Office who spoke on "Food Safety for Summer".

President Peggy Hildebrandt opened the business meeting at 1:00 pm. She welcomed first time attendees - Reggie Anderson and Rubin Lahtaka, Lois Willock - MRSEA liaison for our sub-chapter and Laura Dobozenki, MRSEA Business Agent.

The minutes were read by secretary Mary Anderson. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurers Report was given by Roger Marks. Beginning balance of \$392.77, receipts of \$484.00, expenses of \$462.00, and \$25.00. Ending balance of \$389.77. Savings account balance of \$8.79. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers Report as given.

Lois Willock brought greetings from the Board. Reported on the May Semi-annual meeting. 136 members and guests attended. The Deputy Secretary of State spoke - gave an update of the Recount Process for the Minnesota Senator race. Dave Bergstrom - MSRS Director - reported that the Post Fund and Active Fund will merge in June 2009. PERA and TRA are now separate from MSRS. MSRS fund is healthy. Semi-Annual fall meeting will be October 14 in St. Cloud - everyone is encouraged to attend. The location has yet to be determined - possibly at Stearns Historical Museum. Lunch may be at the Olive Garden. Registration information will be available in the September newsletter. There was discussion at the June Board Meeting about steps to take to increase membership and how to better serve current members. Check out the MRSEA website. Enter your suggestions for the website in the comment section. Health Savings Account - if interested send comments to the website. Ideas about what the Board can do for the membership - move semi-annual meetings around the state, suggestions for speakers, etc.

Laura Dobozenki - New independent website - no longer on MSRS website. Check it out - there is lots of information available. Annual meeting: election of officers. Officers up for re-election: Ruth Husom - President, Gene Gere, Dennis Mackey, John Kudurka, Peter Obermiller. Volunteers are always welcome. Newsletter updates: List entire year of meeting dates. Kudos to sub-chapters. Bylaw and article changes. Per capita payout \$3.00/person in attendance at the September meeting.

AFL-CIO retiree meeting at the Red Roof Inn in Brainerd on June 22, 2009 at 11:00 am. Julie Ladoucer, Martha Johnson will be in attendance as will Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State who will speak on the Minnesota Senator recount.

Thanks to Barb Peterson for the stories she shared with us.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Drawings: 1st - Joan Simonson - \$12.00, 2nd - Rita Hamann - \$10.00, 3rd - Ione Keonan - \$9.00

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2009 at Bonanza. Social Hour 12:00, meal at 12:30 and the meeting will begin at 1:00. Possible speaker for the meeting: Todd Dahl - Crow Wing County Sheriff. Topic suggestions: Identity theft, home safety when gone, phone scams, internet scams, scam target when mate dies, credit card scams. Election of Officers: President and Secretary. Sign sub-chapter roster for reimbursement from state MRSEA at the September meeting also.

Send suggestions for future programs to President Peggy Hildenbrandt.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Anderson, Secretary