

BRAINERD SUB-CHAPTER MRSEA
September 17, 2009

Debi Backdahl - Chief Deputy with the Crow Wing Sheriff's Department spoke to us about identify theft, scams and cons.

Meeting called to order by President Peggy Hildebrandt at 1:00 p m on September 17, 2009. Peggy introduced visitors: Mike Mades - first time attendee; Lois Willock - our MRSEA Liaison; Laura Dobozenski, MRSEA Business Agent; & Lois Bureman from Detroit Lakes representing MSRS.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as read by Secretary, Mary Anderson with a correction to attendee Reggie Anderson's name.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Treasurers report as given by Treasurer, Roger Marks. Beginning balance of \$389.77, receipts of \$550.00, expenses of \$339.00 and \$14.42 for an ending balance of \$386.35. Savings balance of \$8.82.

Darrell Stave read a story to the group - thanks, Darrell.

Reports by: Lois Willock - greetings from the Board. The Board held a 1/2 day retreat - they discussed how to increase membership. Board members were elected. Don Buchner, Board Member died and his position will be filled by a temporary appointment until 2010. Anyone who is interested in serving in this position should submit a letter of interest and resume to the MRSEA website. The fall meeting will be in St. Cloud, MN. It will begin at 11:00 am in the Stearns History Museum with lunch being served at noon at Antons. There will be entertainment and a short business meeting. Information and registration forms will be available in the Newsletter. The cost of the day will be \$19.00. Lois indicated that MRSEA will again be available at employee retirement meetings to give a short presentation. Insurance open enrollment information will be out soon. The Board is trying to set up meetings for retirees only to provide insurance information. Information was received at the Board meeting on sub-chapter membership and annual meeting attendance.

Lois Buerman - MSRS representative brought greetings from Director Dave Bergstrom. MSRS has had some losses through March - down 30%. By the end of June the fund was again approximately 70% funded. It was up about 8% in July. August and September looked good also. The post and active funds are combined as of June 30, 2009. Cost of living increases will be fixed at 2.5%. Changes in the State Board of Investment and MSRS record keepers - now being done by ING. If anyone has questions the MSRS website is www.MSRS.MN.US. MSRS is preparing for H1N1 - they have set up a work plan to keep services ongoing in case of a severe outbreak.

Laura Dobozenski - MRSEA Business Agent - Emphasized applying for Board position if interested . Encouraged members to consider attending the St. Cloud meeting. Members should check out the new MSRS website. Cautioned against leaving your social security number on any answering machines. Emphasized the strengths of MRSEA - knowledgeable about legislative action, a very committed Board. Weaknesses - not getting new retirees, poor visibility, no sub-chapters in the metropolitan area. Goals of MRSEA - recruit and retain members, get re-invited to pre-retirement workshops. Put brochures into pre-retirement packets. Currently working on our brochures. Expanding opportunities for members. Sending out surveys to members. Annual meeting attendance has dropped - looking at ways to increase the attendance. Futuristic thinking also - developed a plan for audits, etc. Asked for questions - none.

Old Business - None

New Business - Election of Officers: President - Peggy Hildebrandt; Secretary - Mary Anderson.

Drawings: 1st Roberta Nichols; 2nd David Novitzki; 3rd Julie LaDocier

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Bonanza. 12:00 social hour; 12:30 meal; 1:00 meeting

Bring stories, food items or money for the food shelf. Leona Herrick - died on September 14, 2009.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 2:50 PM.

Submitted by Mary Anderson, Secretary