

September 1, 2009

The Fergus Falls Retirees Group met at the VFW with 47 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: August Birthday: Ron Brown

September Birthdays: Sandy Paulson, Ron Betlach, Lorraine Kastella and Bob Engelhardt

Anniversaries: Judy Short, Glen Nord, Vince Thoma and Don Nelson

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

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

There was no formal Social Secretary's Report due to time constraints.

Obituarries: No obituarries.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Vince called for election of officers. No one volunteered and the current officers agreed to serve another year. Gert Hermann wants to continue her position as social secretary as long as her health permits. Her position will be combined with the secretary's when she decides to retire.

Bud Nornes was our guest speaker. He invited anyone who had a question or concern to contact him. The quickest way to reach him is by phone. He has served for 13 years. The state is run on taxes and the budget deficit is from a decrease in personal income and sales taxes. Stimulus money is being spent on road repair. There will be a short legislative session in February. He felt that there was no real effort in this past session to make state government more efficient on a permanent basis. The federal stimulus money filled some holes in the budget, but hindered any consideration for reform.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Nelson, Secretary

The next meeting will be October 6, 2009