

Minnesota Retired State Employees Association

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The Southwest Chapter of MRSEA fall meeting was Thursday, September 24, 2009, 11:00 AM at the Wooden Nickel in Marshall. Fourteen members were present.

President Henderson called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's remained the same as last spring. (\$259.60).

Dave Bergstrom: MSRS was 97% funded in 2007; 90% in 2008. We were down 30% last year; up 19% by July and looking better. The Board is committed to working to 100%. There is no rule of 90 for new retirees anymore and MSRS funds joined with the active funds. There are less employees retiring which saves money. TERA is talking about giving no increases. MSRS is still discussing this. The bottom line is we have improved since our low and are still striving for 100%. You will receive 2 1/2% increase in January 2010. MSRS is preparing for the H1N1 flu should it become a problem. Questions followed.

Yvonne Ross: There will be a survey sent out regarding attendance at chapter meetings. Please complete and return the survey when you receive it. I will probably come with the next newsletter. We (the Southwest Chapter) have 125 mailings. Of that amount only 15% attend meetings. October 14th is the next meeting in St. Cloud. Information will be in the next newsletter.

Laura Doboinski: Fifteen MRSEA Board members had a retreat for 1 1/2 days. Discussions were of weaknesses and threats and getting members involved. A new logo is being developed for MRSEA. Reminder to respond to the survey on how to improve member attendance. Working on training for officers. Visit the website, also the MSRS website. There was a problem getting the membership cards ready for us. They will be sent out to us later.

President Henderson reported that she did attend the Board meeting in early September. They are looking for a replacement for Don Buckner. Anyone interested let Laura Doboinski know.

Election of officers followed. Arlene Schoephoerster will move to President and preside for two years. Evie Henderson will to Vice-president for one year. We then nominated and elected Lil Leach as Secretary-Treasurer. Unanimous.

Yvonne Ross added information on the Asset protection that might be added to the State Long Term Care insurance. Talk to your agent if you have this insurance and are interested..

Next meeting April 22, 2010, Wooden Nickel in Marshall at 11 AM.

Meeting adjourned.