

MRSEA September 18, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President - Peggy Hildenbrandt at 1:08 pm. Peggy introduced our guests attending for the first time - Ginny Kennedy and Linda Larson. Also welcomed our Business Administrator - Laura Dobozenski; Martha Johnson - President AFLCIO Retirees: Lois Willock - our new Liaison; and Lois Buerhmann - representing MSRS.

Peggy asked that any member who hadn't signed the sheet do so in order for us to get our \$3.00 per member reimbursement from the MRSEA.

The minutes of the June meeting were given. Ray Cossette made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Rita Hamann. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report was given. Beginning balance \$414.77, Receipts of \$539.00, expenses of \$502.00, \$25.00 and \$11.00. Ending balance \$411.77. Motion by Delores Meyers, seconded by Ione Kainonen to accept the treasurers report as given. Motion passed.

Drawings were won as follows: #1 - \$13.00 - Ray Meyers; #2 - \$1000 - Ted Anderson; #3 \$8.00 - Lois Jubie.

Speakers:

Lois Buerhmann from Detroit Lakes - filling in for Dave Bergstrom - MSRS. Emphasized that in the current economy our pensions are very SAFE. They were funded to 80% at the end of June. The retiree fund and the employee fund will be combined to have more flexibility to work with. There will be a 2 ½% increase given in January. Lois gave numbers of people over 90 still receiving pensions: 950 over 90; 24 over 100 with someone 105 still receiving a state pension. Reported that the Deferred Compensation Fund will have a holiday from fees from October 1 - March 1. Legislative session - not much activity expected. The post and active funds are at approximately 87% funded.

Lois Willock - replaces Frank Dozak as our liaison. She is newly elected to the board. She worked 30 years for Jobs and Training. Board happenings June - September: Talk about merging AFSCME & MRSEA - board didn't approve merger. Encouraged people to attend the fall semi-annual meeting in New Ulm - a bus will be available from the MRSEA office to New Ulm. The board discussed a boat trip in August - decided against it in favor of going to New Ulm. September meeting with chapter officers - brainstormed increasing attendance at sub-chapter meetings. Reported that information on health insurance will be out October 20. Open enrollment will be from November 1 - November 15, 2008.

Laura - Greetings from the board. Reported that membership renewal can be done today or via mail. Dues are \$15.00 per year. The membership year runs from April 30 of one year to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year.

Old Business - none

New Business - election of officers. Vice President - Rita Hamann; Treasurer - Roger Marks

There will be a Last Hurrah at BRHSC - September 21 from 3:00 - 8:00 pm in the Sedahl Center. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

July 29 and August 18 - letter from the Salvation Army in Roseville soliciting donations. A motion was made by Joan Simonson, seconded by Ione Keinonen to send \$100.00 from our treasury to the local food shelf in Brainerd. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 11, 2008. Social at 12:00; lunch served at 12:30. Meeting at 1:00 pm. Bring your Christmas stories and jokes to share.

A motion was made by Arnie Hendrickson, seconded by Ione Keinonen to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.