

Minnesota Retired State Employees Association
Duluth Sub Chapter
Sunset Bar & Grill
January 28, 2009
1:00 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by President, Ross Anderson at 1:00 p.m. at the Sunset Bar & grill.

Linda Pearson appointed secretary in Lois Stone's absence.

Minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report remains the same as last meeting with \$230.16 in our checking account, \$10.14 in the saving account and \$14 in the petty cash fund.

Bob Lundahl reported on the newsletter and the new website. He also talked about the post fund being merged with the active fund for our retirement funds as the post fund has fallen below 80% of funding. It is now at 79% and will be merged with the active fund on July 1, 2009. If we have any questions about our retirement funds we can call Bob Lundahl and he will contact Dave Bergstrom , Director of MSRS.

Benefit cards were discussed. They are a credit/debit card that some people who have the state insurance plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) received. It is a \$250 pre tax amount that can be used for medical and dental expenses. There was not much information about them, but there is a number to call for information. It is as follows:

952-944-6633 or 800-300-1672

Dave Flemming talked about the changes in the income tax information that is out. He stated that many retired railroad workers have had their returns incorrectly prepared, as many as 60+% have been done wrong, causing an overpayment.

Michelle Gran of "Visionary Home Care" was our guest speaker. Visionary Home Cares home office is located in Barnum, and their services cover all the counties in our area. The program covers medical needs, any needs individuals have for maintaining themselves in their homes, including home maintenance. Some services are available to veterans, but these services must be preapproved. Michelle indicated that some folks have purchased gift certificates for friends or family members so they could try out the various services.

Our next meeting will be at the Evergreen Center, 5830 Grand Avenue, in West Duluth. It will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd. Reservations, including the \$4 cash payment must be in to either Lois or Ross by Friday, April 17th.

This is our annual meeting, and our parent organizations pays \$3 per head of every member that attends this meeting. Laura Dobozenki, the Executive Secretary of MSREA will be attending.

The July meeting will be a pot luck picnic at the Moose Lake City Park. It will be held on July 22nd.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Pearson
Secretary Pro-tem