

MINUTES

**Wednesday October 08, 2008
Kaiserhoff Restaurant, New Ulm, MN**

Board Members Present: Terry Dempsey, Gene Gere, Ruth Husom, Dennis Maki, Robert Lundahl, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Lyle Nelson, Peter Obermeyer, Sally Olsen, Yvonne Ross, Lois Willock

Board Members Excused: Don Buckner, Sandra Hale, John Kuderka

Guests Present: New Ulm Mayor Joel Albrecht

Others Present: Laura Dobozenski -MRSEA Business Administrator

President Husom called the meeting to order at 12:40 P.M. and welcomed all the members in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

A. Board Members

Ruth Husom introduced the current board as well as former board members Faye Krohn, and Sub Chapter officers in attendance; Evelyn Henderson and Bob Lamont.

B. Special Guests

Terry Dempsey introduced and welcomed the Mayor of New Ulm. Mayor Albrecht welcomed MRSEA to New Ulm and briefly told a few historical facts about New Ulm.

******LUNCHEON BREAK******

Convene Business Meeting 1:15

2. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

Ms. Ross highlighted the election process for becoming a board member, starting with the upcoming announcement in the Winter Newsletter and endorsement process, and then the elections, which are held at the Annual Meeting in May.

b. Legislative Committee

Mr. Gere reported on the handout by MSRS, explaining the security of retiree's pensions, and sound investments. The Pension Commission is also reviewing Pension Policy and their guiding principles.

c. Insurance Committee

Mr. Maurer reported the committee has been working on HSA's initiatives and reported this would require state and federal law changes to achieve. A handout was distributed as Mr. Maurer highlighted the changes in the health care insurance premiums for the over-65 retiree plans for 2009.

d. Meeting & Planning Committee

Mr. Mesenburg highlighted the work of the Committee for the New Ulm trip and also the spring meeting. Mr. Mesenburg also highlighted the efforts of the joint meeting between the Sub Chapter officers and the MRSEA Board of Directors.

e. Publications & Communications Committee

Mr. Lundahl reported the newsletter is the main focus of the committee. Recently the committee revised the format to expand from a four page newsletter to a six page newsletter, twice annually. Mr. Lundahl encouraged members to submit any articles to the committee or office.

f. Technology Committee

Mr. Maki reported that the technology committee recommended the purchase of new laptops to serve the membership better as well as handles administrative needs. The committee is currently working with a vendor to design a new website for MRSEA.

g. Constitution & By-Law Committee

Ms. Olsen reported the committee reviews and recommends updates and changes to the governing documents of MRSEA.

3. Membership Report

Ms. Dobozenski reported the status of the current membership.

4. Presidents Report

Ms. Husom reported that MRSEA also attended a variety of other organization meetings such as PEPC, as well as the Senior Federation. Ms. Husom thanked everyone for attending the meeting in New Ulm, and the Schells Brewery tour.

Ms. Husom called for any questions from the floor. A question about the possible Post Fund merger was asked, and responded to.

9. Drawings-

Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Mesenburg distributed ten door prizes.

10. Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Dobozenski-MRSEA Business Administrator