

MINUTES WEST CENTRAL SUB CHAPTER OF MRSEA

June 19, 2008

Meeting Time 11:30 A.M.

Freeport Community Center

Freeport, MN

MRSEA President, Ruth Husom called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M., and welcomed all in attendance. President Husom introduced the guest speakers, Dave Bergstrom-MSRS, Lorene Dimock-DOER, Mary Ellen Otremba-State Representative, John Kuderka –MRSEA Liaison and MRSEA Business Administrator -Laura Dobozenski.

John Kuderka informed the group this was the first meeting since October 2006. The goal is to revitalize the West Central Sub Chapter and elect a minimum of two officers. A recent survey showed support for the group to be revitalized.

John Kuderka called for nominations for President of the Sub Chapter, Darlyne Pogose volunteered for one year. Hearing no other nominations for President, nominations were closed. John Kuderka called for nominations for a Vice President, there were none. John called for nominations of a Treasurer. Lois Beilke volunteered for one year. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. A unanimous slate ballot was cast, upon the motion and a second, the motion carried and Darlyne and Lois are the new officers.

Darlyne Pogose thanked everyone for attending and their support in getting the Sub Chapter reestablished.

Dave Bergstrom, Executive Director of MSRS informed the group they would be receiving a 2 and ½ percent increase on January 1, 2009. Dave also distributed a handout about the Post Fund. Dave reported the Fund continues to be well funded. The Post Fund Bill that would effectuate a merger of the active and Post Funds did pass, and if the triggers were activated the funds would be merged.

John Kuderka reported the MRSEA Insurance Committee has actively been working on an exemption for retirees for a HSA's. This would require State and Federal legislative changes.

Representative Otremba thanked the sub chapter for the invitation to attend. She reported this has been a very busy legislative season, and they have accomplished much, but felt there was still very much work to do for the legislature.

Lorene Dimock of DOER/FINANCE talked about the department changes and that at this time she did not have cost statistics available for the new year's insurance rates. The process of the rate changes and approvals is lengthy and is not completed, the anticipated changes should be available late fall.

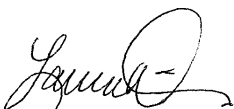
President Husom reported highlights of the MRSEA Annual Meeting held in May and distributed the packets that were available to all members. The MRSEA accomplishments and Committee goals were also reported on.

John Kuderka reminded everyone to consider running for a board seat either locally or for the MRSEA Board, or being a volunteer on one of the committees.

Door Prizes were distributed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Dobozenski-MRSEA Business Administrator