

October 25, 2012

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2012 AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the AFT-WI Retirees Executive Board was called to order by President Kathy Monaghan at 3:16pm on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Members present were Buzz Davis, Bob Beglinger, Marilyn Bunnell, Joy Bashara, Kathy Monaghan, Ed Gallagher, Francine Hare, Judy Hack, Bonnie Greasby and Wanda Gerard. Guests present were Dallas Hare and Liz Temple for a total of 10 board members and 2 guests.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had one correction made by Buzz Davis. It was on his district for CWAG; correction - 6th District to 1st District... A motion was then made and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Gallagher presented a balance sheet and an income statement. The information reflected the income and expenditures to the present date. He reported that we have \$1,583.14. There also was a discussion by President Monaghan explaining that the Annual AFT-WI Convention Expense was changed to \$3,000.

Old Business

Members Buzz Davis, Marilyn Bunnell and Joy Bashara shared information from the ARA Power Luncheon that they attended in Milwaukee earlier in October. It is reported that the ARA has 104,000 members in Wisconsin and that 230 of those were present at the luncheon which grossed \$34,000 with a profit of \$25,000. These moneys are spent for 2 fulltime employees and the tremendous outreach efforts of Billy Feitlinger. In comparison AARP has 800,000 members and is nonpartisan.

The November Election was a topic of much discussion including Judy Hack's report that volunteerism in northern Wisconsin was very low. People seem to be worn out from earlier work in the state. She brought phones to the convention for phone banking. People were asked to volunteer. Bonnie Greasby reported that in the Racine area there are ARA banks and postcards are being mailed. Buzz Davis reported that in Stoughton it was the worst ever because of the Walker loss. Everyone is encouraged to keep working up to election.

New Business

In reviewing the AFT-WI Constitutional Amendments there were two and neither was controversial.

In reviewing the AFT-WI Resolutions #6 was particularly noteworthy. It deals with a merger between AFT-WI and WEA. Bob Beglinger spoke to many varied arguments about why merging must be carefully considered. There was a lively discussion with many members expressing concerns with being absorbed into a much larger union. It was suggested that some delegates many want to change their committee assignment to represent divergent views from the committee. It was suggested that we get some information to members on the history of mergers.

In other business, members were asked to help people the table with materials from our retiree chapter in the display area.

A letter will be sent in November 2012 about renewal and membership along with a yearly questionnaire. Our next meeting is in Madison at the AFT-WI office on Friday, December 7, 2012.

Bonnie Greasby reported that she will be doing one more newsletter in December 2012 for the retirees.

Kathy reported that at the December 7th meeting we will look at the Program of Work for 2013. She commented that the Program of Work 2012 had accomplished a great deal and will continue with more members and participation.

In other new business Buzz Davis made a motion to provide financial support to the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants. This support would be for local town meetings. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm

Joy Bashara, Secretary