

October 25, 2013

MINUTES OF THE AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The AFT-WI Retirees had their Annual Meeting on Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order by President Monaghan at 9:55am with 19 members and 3 guests in attendance. Present were: Joy Bashara, Kathy Monaghan, Ed Gallagher, Bob Beglinger, Bonnie Greasby, Elaine Schwoerer, Marilyn Bunnell, Buzz Davis, Wanda Gerard, Linda Oberstar, Jim Moore, Richard Amoriello, Roger Springman, Jill Hynum, Eugene Herubin, Ruth Ludwig, Kathy Empie, Kay Davis and Philip Anderson.

Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gallagher reported on the budget of 2013, stating that the total assets were \$14,814.32. He then presented the new trimmer 2014 budget which has a proposed income of \$11,250 and expenses of a matching amount. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2014 Budget.

Committee Reports

Marilyn Bunnell reported that we have 273 members and that effort, as always, are being made to increase that number.

Bonnie Greasby reported that there would be three newsletters next year. She commented that this was contingent on the merger status.

Buzz Davis reporting on the 2014 election reinforcing the importance of supporting Mary Berg for governor. He also reported that a former AFT-WI employee, Scott Specter, was now working for Wisconsin Progress, which is an organization that works with all kinds of specific community groups and organizations to find good candidates.

President's Report

President Monaghan reported on the importance of careful consideration of the Constitutional Amendments that directly affect the voting strength of the AFT-WI in meetings with WEAC. Amendment 6, which deals with the combination of secretary and treasurer and the number of vice presidents allowed, is crucial. She also recommended voting for adoption of Amendment 11, which deals with the election of AFT-WI Retiree Council president and vice president

A motion was made by Roger Springman that when the merger is off the table we have a committee appointed to look at the organization of the AFT-WI Retiree Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kathy reported that she had applied for a \$2,000 grant from AFT National. No word has been received.

Buzz Davis presented a ballot for the election of officers. All candidates were running unopposed so he asked the assembled group three times, if there were any further nominations. A lively discussion occurred when questions about the “insular” process which seems to only include those already officers. It was suggested that the process, duties and perks of being an officer be announced to all members, so they could make informed choices. It was suggested that this might get more people involved. The election was concluded after the discussion with the following members being elected for a two year term: President –Kathy Monaghan Vice President – Bob Beglinger Treasurer – Ed Gallagher Secretary – Joy Bashara. Their election was by unanimous ballot.

New Business

Elaine Schwoerer was given an honorary membership to AFT-WI Retirees and a plaque thanking her for all of her service to us over the years.

Don Ganther was recognized for his years of support as a member and vice president for many years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am so that we could hear a comprehensive report on the Unity/Merger Committee by Bob Beglinger. The presentation was well received with a lively Q&A segment.

The meeting for WEAC/AFT-WI will be April 26 in Green Bay. The following AFT-WI Retiree meetings will be via teleconferencing, and will be announced several weeks prior to the dates for your convenience.

Respectfully submitted

Joy Bashara, Secretary