

October 24, 2015

## MINUTES OF THE AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The AFT-WI Retirees had their Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Monaghan at 4:15pm. The 14 members present were: Joy Bashara, Kathy Monaghan, Bob Beglinger, Karen Gunderson, Joanie Kanter, Buzz Davis, Kay Davis, Carrol Schiller, Jim Moore, Kathy Empie, Jim Newton, Marilyn Bunnell, Carol Meagher, and Jill Hynum.

### Minutes

A motion was made by Buzz Davis and seconded by Marilyn Bunnell to approve the minutes of last year's annual meeting. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of Treasurer Ed Gallager, Kathy Monaghan reported on the 2015 budget income and expenditures, and the proposed 2016 budget. The members present were given copies of both budgets to peruse. The balance sheet for September 8, 2015 is CD's \$5970.21 plus checking account \$9,173.05 for a total of \$15,143.26.

The 2016 budget had a lively discussion about the proposed income. The discussion centered on the possibility that income estimates for membership was overstated. The budget stated \$3,000 for members paying a yearly membership of \$20.00 each (150 members) and 20 new lifetime members. ( $\$200 \times 20 = \$4000$ ) Support from AFT is \$500 and advertising on the website is \$240. This brings the total income to \$7,740 for 2016.

Expenditures were in line with last year's budget and president Monaghan provided the comparative numbers for the group. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the 2016 budget.

In addition, a motion was made by Buzz Davis and seconded by Jim Moore to move our checking account to Superior from Ashland where it is projected there will not be a service fee. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports

Marilynn Bunnell, Membership Chair, reported that we have 113 yearly members and 130 lifetime members for a total of 243 members.

Bonnie Greasby, Newsletter Chair, was not present, but President Monaghan reported that she does not want to continue in this position and hoped that someone else would step up to produce the AFT-WI Retiree Newsletter. Suggestions for possible replacement/s are needed.

Jill Hynum, Website Chair, reported on the state of the website and produced several very helpful handouts for the council. Jill took the time to explain some logistics about moving around on the website with a copy of the opening page of our website. She stated that we use State web. The second document was an assessment of where retirees are located within Wisconsin. The concentration of retirees is in northwest Wisconsin, and southeast Wisconsin. Other clusters appear in the Eau Claire, LaCrosse, and Green Bay-Appleton areas

Bob Beglinger reported on the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity and the two bills that are very important. "Strength is in our coalitions," he stated. The event for the WCA is in May 2016. The fee for lunch and the meeting/program is \$25.00. Jill Hynum reported that the Wisconsin ARA luncheon's presentation by the new president was very informative. Buzz Davis, Legislative Committee Chair, reported that the present situation for retirees is dire. He mentioned private sector pensions, legislation difficulties, and the conservative controlling system which places funding for retirees out of the picture. He asked the members present to endorse a plan to go to the AFT with a proposal for a town hall meetings grant of \$70,000. He will go ahead with those plans.

#### President's Report

President Monaghan stated that we had had a very good year. In comparison to other councils we are in better shape fiscally and organizationally. We will be trying to establish meetings in various parts of the state between now and the next convention in two years. A motion was made to instruct the board to investigate an alternate year meeting for retirees. The motion passed.

#### New Business

New Business centered on the convention amendments and resolutions as well as our election of officers. President Kathy talked about the reasons that having a fulltime paid president is not in our best interests. The cost will deplete our reserves and run out in approximately three years added Bob Beglinger.

A unanimous ballot was cast for the officers. This passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bashara, Secretary