

The meeting of the AFT-W Retiree Council was called to order at 10:05 on Friday, April 22 by President Kathy Monaghan. Roll call showed Wanda Gerard, Ed Gallagher, Kathy Empie, Bob Beglinger, Marilyn Bunnell, Jill Hynum, Buzz Davis, Carrol Schiller, Kim Kohlhaas, Kathy Kreul and Kathy Monaghan present.

A motion was made by Bunnell and seconded by Beglinger to approve the minutes of the convention. The motion carried.

The treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$9,744.68. The balance of the CD as of December 31 was \$5,980.69. It was also noted that our council owes AFT-W \$2,552.16 for their expenditures for us since July 1 of last year. Additional charges until June 30 will be added and then we will pay our bill for the year.

President Monaghan reported that she had again completed a request on behalf of the council to AFT for \$3,000 for the upcoming year. An emphasis was placed on our involvement in the upcoming election and our fall conference. A similar request had been completed the last two years with no response from AFT. Again this year, no response has been received.

Monaghan further reported on the last AFT-W Executive Board Meeting. The majority of the morning was spent on how best to help our locals organize. Four regional meetings will be held twice a year--Northern Wisconsin, Fox Valley, Milwaukee, Eau Claire-LaCrosse. A pilot meeting will be held in Ashland this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the discussion of items on the agenda which will involve the expenditure of funds, a realistic approach was taken to how to best use our limited resources.

1. The Coalition of Annuitants Annual Meeting will be held on May 13 in Madison. Bob Beglinger, Jill Hynum, Carrol Schiller, and Marilyn Bunnell will attend.
2. The AFT national convention will be held in Minneapolis with the retiree portion on July 22 and 23. We will not send a delegate to the general convention, but Bob Beglinger and Kathy Monaghan will attend portions of the retiree sections. Other members may choose to attend at a later date.
3. The new AFT Council Retiree Conference was discussed at length. LaCrosse had been explored as a possible location. Based on the previous survey, membership location, and cost, no decision was made. A teleconference in May will be held to decide on this item.
4. The WI-ARA Power Luncheon will be held in October. We will purchase an ad.
5. Our political involvement will be also a major item at our May teleconference.

Our next teleconference will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 10 a.m. The two major topics of discussion will be the fall conference and political involvement;

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Kathy Monaghan
Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED