

November 14, 2014

MINUTES OF THE AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The AFT-WI Retirees had their Annual Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014 at the Green Bay Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Monaghan at 4:30pm with 10 members present. Present were Joy Bashara, Kathy Monaghan, Kathy Lisdahl, Bob Beglinger, Jim Moore, Marilyn Bunnell, Carol Meagher, Richard Amoriello, Ruth Ludwig and Jill Hynum.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The first item of business was a report on the 2014 budget. Total liabilities and equity was \$14,474.13. Income as of October 10, 2014 was \$8,536.03; expenses were \$8,865.02; and the overall total was minus \$328.99. Our CD's value is \$5,954.61 and our checking balance is \$8,519.52. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

The next order of business was the proposed 2015 Retiree Budget. Income is anticipated to be \$8,250.00; expenses budgeted for are \$8,250.00. This is \$3,000.00 less than last year. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this budget.

Committee Reports

Marilynn Bunnell reported that we have 115 lifetime members and 88 yearly members as of this date. Newsletter update was that there are 3 issues per year. The next one will come out in December 2014. Jill Hynum reported that the website is up and running with pertinent information such as resources for retirees on local, state and national issues. She encouraged people to get her other information that they wanted included such as photos, links, information, etc. Bob Beglinger commented at length about the Coalition of Annuitants and other issues facing the AFT-WI. Charter schools, outsourcing, 2 for 1 (half-time hiring) to avoid benefits and privatization were some of his topics. The following is Bob's summary: "Currently there is little to report as the legislature is not in session. However, complacency could be a problem in the future. We will continue to monitor activities and will try to keep members informed if and when new threats appear. The 'strategies conversations' sponsored by WEAC has encouraged members to become involved in their regime." All committee chairs are thanked for their work for AFT Retirees.

President's Report

President Monaghan reported that Bob Beglinger was honored at the WI-ARA Luncheon in Milwaukee and commented on the good works of the ARA stating that it provides leadership for many other retiree groups.

Kathy reiterated the Retiree Policy changes in regard to expenses which were adopted on July 25, 2014: Rooms for convention will be paid for delegates and alternates; rooms will be paid for officers and standing committee chairs for regular meetings when necessary; and only receipted expenditures for gas and meals will be paid for convention and regular meetings if participants choose to submit them.

The status of the AFT-W/WEAC merger is that it is stalled. The biggest issue seems to be the difference in dues structure. AFT Retirees pay less than the WEAC Retirees. This is significant. In February 2014 is the date of WEAC's rejection of merger.

New Business

The items of new business dealt with the Retiree Council Constitution and Bylaw Amendments as well as the AFT-WI Constitution and Bylaw Amendments. Here is a summary of the AFT-WI Retiree changes: Article IV Sect 1 –Membership-item C – add to end UNLESS THEY CHOOSE TO AFFILIATE WITH THE AFT-W COUNCIL; Article VI Sect 1 –Composition – item E delete what is there and add UP TO FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF FORMALLY CONSTITUTED LOCAL CHAPTERS OF AFT RETIREES WITH A MAXIMUM OF ONE BEING FROM ANY SINGLE LOCAL. IF MORE THAN FIVE LOCAL CHAPTERS ARE ORGANIZED, THE TOP FIVE MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT; Article VI –Sect 2 – Duties of Exec Bd - item F – add COALITION OF ANNUITANTS; Article VII – AFT-WI-R Committees – delete all and replace with A. MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZING B. LEGISLATIVE/COPE C. COMMUNICATIONS. To the Bylaws the following changes were made: Officer Duties, item D –Treasurer –add PREPARE AN ANNUAL BUDGET; revision date – change to REVISED NOVEMBER 2014; add the following – AFT-W-R POLICIES 1. OFFICERS AND ELECTED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATED SHALL HAVE THEIR ROOMS REIMBURSED FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION 2. OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL HAVE THEIR ROOMS REIMBURSED FOR MEETINGS WHEN NECESSARY AS APPROVED BY THE RETIREE EXECUTIVE BOARD. 3. MILEAGE – SUGGESTIONS TO BE DETERMINED – FROM NONE TO 20 CENTS A MILE, TO GAS RECEIPTS WERE DISCUSSED. 4. USE

Kathy presented some information on two of the items being voted on at convention. One was the reduction of the size of the board by two. The amendment states that the At Large Vice-presidents would be reduced from 6 members to 4 members. The second amendment dealt with changing the convention to once every other year rather than once a year. The conventions would occur in odd numbered years only.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bashara, Secretary