

October 26, 2012

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2012 AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the AFT-WI Retiree Council was called to order by President Kathy Monaghan at 10:00am on Friday, October 26, 2012 in a meeting room at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Members present were Buzz Davis, Jill Hynum, Liz Temple, Richard Amoriello, Francine Hare, Dallas Hare, Bonnie Greasby, Wanda Gerard, Marilyn Bunnell, Jim Moore, John Verberkmoes, Kathy Monaghan, Ed Gallagher, Bob Beglinger, Joy Bashara and Charlotte Foth. Our guest speaker present was David Stella. There were a total of 17 people present for the annual meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Gallagher, treasurer, presented the 2013 AFT-WI Retiree Budget, with special mention made of moneys for Political Action Training, recruitments and the good of retirees. The income from checking (dues) and CD's is \$13,453.29. It was moved and seconded to accept the 2013 Budget.

Committee Reports

Marilynn Bunnell reporting on the Membership Committee stated that there were no changes since her previous report.

Bonnie Greasby reporting on the Newsletter Committee stated that there would be one more newsletter this year in December 2012. There are four issues each year.

Buzz Davis and Bob Beglinger reported that the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity/WRS statewide meetings involved analysis of proposals made to the legislature. Davis made a motion that we give support to the town meetings program with financial support in the amount of \$500.00. The motion was passed. Beglinger stated that accolades go to all who have worked so hard over the past year.

Buzz Davis reporting on the 2012 election stated that the voucher system proposed by the Republicans is very costly for seniors, whereas the reform of Social Security and Medicare proposed by the Democrats may have some potential problems as well. He stated that the combined efforts for senators, representatives, legislature and presidential has been useful. Joy Bashara reported that President Obama was coming to Green Bay on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 and that tickets were available.

President's Report

President Monaghan speaking about the AFT Partnership said that we have been out there working all year. She pointed to the Goals Update, Accomplishments and Results as proof of that. The list of the above was given to all members for their perusal.

The liveliest discussion of the day surrounded the proposed AFT-WI/WEAC merger. There has been an Interaction/Merger Committee that has been studying this but has given no information to our Retiree Council to date. President Monaghan stated, "The biggest issue is that very little has come from the committee on interaction/merger and I'm on the council. They are not transparent."

The merger discussion will be debated at length today and tomorrow at the general session.

Jill Hynum stated that we are only a representative group. Do the other hundreds of members get a say? John Verberkmoes added, "There has been a general lack of information. We seem to be on a fast track."

Bob Beglinger added perspective to the discussion by giving some examples from the past talking about how unity is built through developing relationships. "A marriage built out of desperation has little potential for success.

The final item here was SB 10 Unconstitutional Decision. It was reported that nothing has been filed.

New Business

No formal New Business so that we can hear our speaker, David Stella, Retired Secretary Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58am

Joy Bashara, Secretary