

September 5, 2014

MINUTES OF AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

The AFT=WI Executive Board met via teleconference on September 5, 2014 at 10:00am with 12 participants. Members and guests were Kathy Monaghan, Ed Gallagher, Wanda Gerard, Judy Hack, Buzz Davis, Bob Beginger, Kathy Empie, Marilyn Bunnell, Bonnie Greasby, Jill Hynum, Joy Bashara and Billy Feitlinger, WI-ARA.

Billy started our meeting by thanking AFT-WI Retiree Council for their support of the ARA. He encouraged us to work diligently with the AFT/CIO and use the petition to get the voters out. He stated that they were especially concerned with the drop-out voters, people who voted time before the last time. We need them back to win. He also mentioned Worker's Voices and flyers that will be sent to Buzz for Town Hall Meetings. Those flyers that can be distributed via Email, will be. The last item mentioned was the ARA Power Luncheon in October where Bob Beglinger will be honored.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gallagher reported the following: CDs - \$5949.36; Bank Account \$14,478.88 - \$5,420.94 expenses AFT National = \$8529.52 Balance. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to file the report for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Monaghan reported that there have been 5 training sessions over the summer to bring members on board with the new plan of the AFT-WI. Kathy stated that she felt that this would be a key point discussed at Convention 2014 in Green Bay.

There have been Election Roundtables around the state. Judy Hack reported that there has been good attendance and that there will be one on September 9 at 6:00pm in Superior. The three main topics according to Hack are elections, outsourcing at UWS and right to work.

Kathy welcomed Jill Hynum as our new webmaster. She will be keeping a website well connected and encouraged anyone to contact her with more information. Buzz Davis suggested that we also include links to other organizations with similar missions. Her Email address is jhynum@sbcglobal.net

OLD BUSINESS

The ARA Power Luncheon will be October 13, 2014 where the council has purchased a table of 8. Buzz Davis spearheaded an ad that describes our honoree, Bob Beglinger. Our compliments go out to Buzz for his well-chosen words about Bob on the council's behalf.

A brief discussion of convention policies voted on at the last meeting included: rooms for delegates and alternates will be paid by AFT-WI Retiree Council; no mileage, but you may submit specific gas bills; no food allowance, but you may submit food bills; the Friday Luncheon at convention will be paid by the AFT-WI Retiree Council.

The AFT-WI Retiree Constitution and Bylaw Revisions will be voted on at the convention. The specific items were in a previous newsletter. There were some questions about wording and what specific terms included. Jill asked for more clarity in the term 'chapter' for example. President Monaghan said that it would be looked at and clarified for all.

NEW BUSINESS

The AFT-WI State Convention will be November 13-15, 2014 at the Green Bay Radisson. Delegates are Jill Hynum, Jim Moore, Diane Sharrow, Richard Amarillio, and Bob Beglinger. Alternates are Joy Bashara, Marilyn Bunnel, and Judy Hack. Kathy Krueel will make the reservations for delegates and alternates. You need to call her.

The agenda for our annual meeting at this convention will be on Friday afternoon and a staff member will be there to answer questions about the new direction of the AFT-WI. It was suggested that we might have time for a speaker and that Dave Stella(ETF Secretary) would be a great choice. There will be a brief executive meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday, November 13 prior to 7:00pm general registration. A number of people volunteered to help Kathy M. with registration.

The last item for business is the fall election. There was a discussion of the (4 or 6) districts that are being targeted for getting the vote out. There are also campus efforts stated Buzz. Buzz mentioned another important issue which is Veterans for Peace. He spoke of the efforts of the right to privatize health care for the millions of veterans in the VA system.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bashara, Secretary