

## MINUTES OF THE AFT-WI RETIREES COUNCIL

May 24, 2016

The AFT-WI Retirees Council had a teleconference on May 24, 2016 at 10:30am. The nine retirees who participated were: Kathy Empie, Jill Hynum, Wanda Gerard, Kathy Kreul, Marilyn Bunnel, Buzz Davis, Kathy Monaghan, Joy Bashara and Bob Beglinger.

The agenda was an abbreviated version with three main items: Retirees Fall Conference, Political Notices, and Retiree Replacements for various positions.

The proposals and budgets for the conference were emailed to all council members prior to the meeting by the Fall Conference Committee Jill H., Marilyn B., and Carol S. They will be included as an attachment for your convenience. Discussions on when, where and how followed. Topics on location included convenience for members in terms of distance, present participants, and encouraging new members. One of the locations suggested was LaCrosse and the other Tomah. A motion was made and seconded to have the conference in Tomah at Bernstein's.

The next topic was the date. President Monaghan suggested Friday, September 16, as this date would put it next to an AFT-WI Board meeting and there were conflicts with those dates suggested. A motion was made and seconded to have the conference on September 16, 2016.

The last topics on the conference were budget and program speakers. The committee was thanked for their excellent budget proposal and agenda. It was stated that there would be no registration fee. Lunch would be provided by the AFT. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget and conference agenda. It is thought that approximately thirty retirees are expected. Suggested speakers for the conference included new WARA Director, Greg Neil or someone from the Coal. of Annuitants.

Buzz D. mentioned how important it is that we align ourselves with the ARA in their support of candidates both state and nationally. President Monaghan mentioned that our exact direction will be clearer after June 2016 and the final caucuses.

There are several positions that need to be filled including both the WARA and the Coalition of Annuitants. Buzz D is leaving his position with the Coalition as he and his wife are moving to Arizona. Bob B. agreed to take over for him. Bonnie G, our representative on the WARA has asked for a replacement to the WARA due to personal reasons. It was suggested that we ask Cynthia Wynn and retired attorney to take her place. A motion was made and seconded and passed to offer the position to Cynthia W.

Participation in the two fellow organizations is encouraged. An email will follow to suggest how you might do that.

Our next teleconference will be in July 2016.

Joy Bashara, secretary