

October 28, 2017

## MINUTES OF THE AFT-WI RETIREE COUNCIL 8047 ANNUAL MEETING

The AFT-WI Retirees had their Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Three Bears Resort in Warrens, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Monaghan at 1:45pm. The thirteen members present were: Joy Bashara, Bob Beglinger, Sheryl Beglinger, Kathy Monaghan, Ed Gallagher, Carol Meagher, Mary Stauffer, Katherine Empie, Marilyn Bunnel, Richard Amoriello, Jim Moore, Vickie Boeder and Cynthia Wynn.

### MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from our last convention in 2015 and our first Retiree Alternate Year Meeting in 2016.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ed Gallagher provided copies of the 2017 budget as well as the 2018-19 budgets for member examination and questions. In 2017 the total budget income and expenses was \$8,750. The 2018 and 2019 they are both estimated at \$8,500. The difference in individual budget items reflects a full conference in 2019 and the Second Annual Retiree Gathering in 2018. It was moved and seconded to accept the budgets. Thanks to Ed for his work as the treasurer.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marilynn Bunnel, membership chair, reported that we presently have 157 lifetime members and 134 yearly members for a total of 291 members in local #8047.

President Monaghan reported for Jill Hynum on the website which has been running well.

In another issue of communication, we are still looking for a newsletter editor. Kathy Krueel has been helping with this as we look for a replacement. Thanks to her for her assistance.

Reporting on the ARA, Cynthia Wynn provided a handy list of 7 things that we can do to be socially/politically active. They are: have a voter registration drive; get involved in information about and with Tammy Baldwin; do outreach on social security issues; be involved in phone banking; reach out to all retirees – not just our members; use raffle tickets as a means of generating cash; look for openings for boards meetings.

Bob Beglinger reported on the WCA stating that there will be a WCA meeting Friday, May 19, 2018 in Madison. Bob gave a short presentation on the history of insurance coverage for the union members. We went from individual to group 15 years ago to group and now back to self-insure. He stated that ETF made a proposal to go to self-insurance that was defeated. Providing options was part of the reason for this. Some of the details with the amount of money in the retirement system were discussed along with how much is available, how much has

“disappeared” and who we should be directing in terms of giving to other causes. We thank Bob for all of his work in providing this information to the council.

#### PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Monaghan was happy to report that we were fiscally responsible and were doing good things for members. She identified our organizational affiliations with ARA, WCA, and AARP was a real strength and a show of solidarity with all retirees. In talking about the meeting in Tomah in 2016, as a replacement for the former yearly meetings of the AFT-WI, was a great success and would be continued in 2018 in August or September.

#### NEW BUSINESS

AFT-WI Constitutional Amendments of concern are having more face-to-face meetings of the board alternating with teleconferences; requiring attendance at board meetings; changing from at-large VPs to 3 regional vice-presidents with a representative on the board. There are over 18 resolutions for the assembly to act upon.

The election of officers was decided by a unanimous vote for the slate of President-Kathy Monaghan, Vice President – Bob Beglinger, Secretary –Joy Bashara, Treasurer – Ruth Ludwig.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bashara, Secretary