

Local 745 USW Retiree Meeting

March 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Gerald Redington at 1:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll call of officers was completed with Susan Walt absent.

The February 11, 2014 meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Dale Sandell, Union President, swore Wayne Komprood in as Vice President.

After the swearing in, Dale spoke with regard to the tires being imported from China. In 2007, the Steelworkers and Titan filed charges against the government for unfair importing of Chinese tires. In 2008, the Steelworkers sent a group to Washington, DC to rally at the International Trade Commission Hearing. In 2009, the Commission handed down a decision placing a 35% tariff on Chinese tires. In January, 2014, this tariff expired and the International Trade Commission opted to reinstate this tariff for an additional five years.

Dale also advised that the Freeport plant recalled 8 employees in December. There are still around 60 on layoff now.

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, the USW will hold a potluck and game day beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be pulled pork sandwiches. Sign up with Mary Meier if you plan to attend. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, please bring any games that you might want to play.

Dale also advised that another union has joined with the USW. They are Valspar Paint in Rockford. They have approximately 50 members.

Jerry advised that Freedom Blue is sending out a 9 page questionnaire regarding health care. This is optional if you care to complete and return the form. He also reminded everyone that our prescriptions are now through Silverscript. The only dental coverage we have is for surgical procedures and root canals. Regular cleanings are no longer covered and the company is Delta Dental.

There will be a Welfare Committee Meeting one half hour prior to our meeting on April 8, 2014.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Geri Hendren for Susan Walt

