

SOAR meeting

Nov. 8, 2016

1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Redington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roll Call of Officers taken. All were present except for Trustees Ron Duchow and Joe Coates.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A letter about resolutions for the 12th International SOAR Convention was read. No one had a suggestion for a resolution.

The Treasurer gave her report. In January she will be collecting \$12 dues for 2017.

Our speaker, who was to talk about asbestos screening, was unable to visit this month because it is Election Day. It was suggested that we set up a new date in March.

On Nov. 29 we will be having a gate drop at the tire plant for the First and Second shifts. Volunteers will collect for the 6 to 8 a.m. shift and for the 2 to 4 p.m. shift. It was suggested that we ask the school district employees and Valspar employees to also take a collection. The Valspar collection could be given to their local toy drive. Toys and money will be collected today and at our December meeting.

It was mentioned that the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the first time in 108 years. Everyone was very happy about this.

At our December meeting we will have a short business meeting and then have a pot luck. Ham sandwiches will be provided using the donations given each meeting for the refreshments. Beverages will be provided and we already have a promise of a birthday cake and cheesy potatoes. Be sure to come and bring a dish to share.

Jerry has received several requests for an information meeting about insurance. Jerry feels most of the problems need to be addressed individually by calling the number on the back of your insurance card. Usually this call will give you the best results since they can access your records and know the regulations.

Don Hill, President of Local 745, said that negotiating is going on at the plant for the last month. Most of the non-financial items have been addressed. They continue to upgrade the machinery and once the contract is signed Don hopes more will be employed. At this time there are about 280 members. The school district and Valspar have about 200 members combined.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt, Secretary