

SOAR meeting

October 13, 2015

1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken and all were present.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer gave her report.

Jerry announced that letters from the insurance companies should be received this week to explain changes.

Mary Meier gave a talk on the Celebration of Life instead of the traditional funeral. A Celebration of Life focuses on the person's everyday life, their passions and achievements. You can work with a funeral director or plan it on your own. She felt that after her sister's celebration the family was able to experience more of an uplifting of their spirit than sadness and grief.

Frank Goonan and Raymond "Chip" Dorn passed away this last month.

Jerry has been participating in conference calls about the change in the insurance. On December 1, 2015 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. there will be informational meetings about the open enrollment. RSVPs are necessary to insure there is enough room. The Union Hall should hold about 100 people. If both times fill up then another meeting will be scheduled. Members will be notified by mail. A committee will compose the letter to include information about the Dec. 1 meetings, the reminder on the Facebook page, website and email notifications. A motion was made to pay for the entire bulk mailing. It was seconded and the motion passed.

During our Dec. 8 meeting a special luncheon will be served. Sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

There was a discussion of the differences of Freedom Blue and Medicare.

We will once again participate in the Toys for Tots program. Wayne will see if we can have a gate drop at the plant. Everyone is asked to bring a toy worth about \$20 or cash to the next meeting. Do not wrap the toys since the Salvation Army will do this. Diane will contact the Salvation Army for dates to bring the items to them.

A man's dress shirt was the door prize won by Ted Gross. Melvin Turner's name was drawn for the attendance prize but he was not here.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walt  
Secretary