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March 14, 2017

1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Redington and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken with all present. The minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Geri Hendren gave her report. A \$5 fee per month has been added to our checking account. If we go to online monthly statements we will not be charged. A motion was made to use the online banking for our monthly statement and Jerry Redington will be the user. The motion passed.

It was suggested by the Board to hold a raffle this summer with the proceeds after expenses to go to Hospice of NW Illinois and the Children's Hands on Museum of NW IL. Leo Patterson made a motion that we have a raffle and that we waive all bond fees. Joe Coates seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A question arose as to printing the tickets in house but Wayne says they need to have a tear off section and be numbered. He has checked with Inky Print about their charges. Three hundred tickets will be available and sold between April 11 and August 8, 2017 for \$10 a chance. First prize will be a framed picture of the Kelly Truck bank and two Kelly banks. Second prize will be one Kelly Bank, third prize will be a Kelly semi model and fourth through sixth will be a sports team candy jar each. A motion was made to approve the recommendation to have a raffle and carried unanimously.

The Retirees Annual Picnic will be at the Union office in May. The club will provide the meat and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. More details will be announced at our next meeting.

A motion was made to suspend our usual agenda and proceed to our guest speakers. Dale, past President of Union City, Tennessee Local spoke about his group and asbestos contamination in the plant. His group was tested for asbestosis or other lung problems and about a third tested positive. Next we had Clay and Dave from two law firms that have taken these cases to the Asbestos Trust funds for reimbursements. They would like to bring testing to this area but need at least 300 people willing to be x-rayed. You must have been in the plant working for 5 years before 1983 to qualify. There are 8 levels of reimbursements from simply working in the plant to cancer caused by the asbestos. Workers who have passed away but can prove they had lung concerns from working there may be able to receive payments to their estates. They will leave paperwork at the Union office for people to fill out or they can be called at 800-410-8760 for more information. Their fee would be 45% of the settlement.

We adjourned at 2:50 p.m. A fellowship time followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Walt, Recording Secretary