

SOAR

July 8, 2014

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 except Trustee Larry Dyson.

The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer gave her report.

Carolyn Rice asked to speak about a problem she had with her prescriptions. The cost of her prescriptions had increased by a great amount. In trying to find a better price she went to WalMart and was told by an employee that because of her union based drug insurance she should not bring anymore prescriptions to WalMart. When she returned later she did not see this employee nor was his picture on the wall where she had seen it earlier. There have been a lot of changes in the drug plan in the last few years and since Carolyn did not use her plan much she was unaware of her current provider. This may have caused some of the problems she encountered.

The Executive Board met before the meeting. Jerry suggested we have Mayor of Freeport Jim Gitz speak to us in the future. Also with fall elections coming soon we may want to endorse some of the local candidates that have supported labor.

The 50th Anniversary Picnic was to be held at the fairgrounds but it has been suggested that instead it be held at the Union Hall with a potluck dinner on August 17th. The committee will be getting more information out.

The Retiree's picnic at Jane Addams Community Center was very successful. It is an inexpensive place to meet. It was also suggested to look at the Steam Engine Club building on Walnut.

Jerry says that Silver Scripts will probably remain with corrections to the problems. Freedom Blue was started last year as an insurance option. It is running smoothly. They do lots of surveys which are voluntary. It may be offered again in the next year.

Geri Hendren passed a list of phone numbers around of those members who have paid their dues and attend the meetings. Please check that the number is correct. This list will become a phone tree to get out the word if a meeting needs to be cancelled because of weather or another emergency. John Hendren won the attendance prize for today's meeting. The raffle name was David L Martin but since he was not here to collect the money, it will be held to next meeting when another \$5 will be added. The total next month will be \$60. You must be present to win this prize and all retirees' names are included whether a member of SOAR or not.

Susan Walt said she had mixed feelings about the Hobby Lobby case. Although she did not agree with the Supreme Court's ruling she has read that Hobby Lobby pays their workers a \$15 minimum wage which is twice the Oklahoma legal minimum. They also close their stores on Sundays to allow their employees to have a day to worship and spend time with family. A lively discussion followed.

We adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with a fellowship time following.

Susan Walt
Secretary