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May 11, 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 with all present except Gary Kraft. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as corrected. A motion was made at the April Meeting to invite salaried Retirees to join the Retiree's Club; said motion was seconded and passed.

President Dale Sandell and newly elected President Don Hill of Local 745 joined us to tell us what was happening at the plant. More shut downs are expected, probably 2 weeks for the Fourth of July and possibly another over Labor Day. ATV's are being produced at the plant but sales are slow. At the Union Hall work is being done on the septic field and a wall is being fixed. Dale will retire this summer. A question was asked about the Chinese flooding the market and Dale thought this might still be a problem. Both China and India want to increase their tire manufacturing.

The treasurer gave her report. She sent post cards to all the current dues paying members that were not in attendance at our last meeting to notify them about the picnic. The cost was less than \$10. Diane said she had sent notices to the radio stations and cable network. Wayne put the info on Facebook and Susan put an article in the Journal Standard.

Willie Kreeger is working on the picnic plans. He purchased the pork at Sullivan's meat sale last week. We have about 56 signed up at this time. More bingo prizes are needed. The prizes can be simple items- a plate of cookies, popcorn balls, or other small items.

Ideas for speakers are needed. Jerry would like someone from the school district to speak about their work and concerns. We may ask Steve Turner to come again to speak about his business at Walker's Mortuary. In July we have an attorney coming to speak about legal issues for seniors.

VEBA trustees met yesterday. The meeting went well and there were guest speakers. Wayne wondered if we could opt out of VEBA but come back in later if needed, the answer to that question was it depended if there was an open enrollment the year you wanted to get back in. However if someone opted out they would not get the monthly Medicare B reimbursement and would not get the Prescription drug program. Both CVS and Shopko have some special savings plans for prescriptions that have saved members money.

The door prize was a jar of honey won by Sharon Baier. The attendance prize drawing was for Robert Riley but he was not here.

We adjourned at 2:33 with a fellowship time following.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walt