

SOAR meeting
September 13, 2016
1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call of Officers was taken and all were present except Trustee Joe Coates.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer gave her report.

At our next meeting we will have a representative from the Senior Resource Center speak to us about their programs.

President of Local 745, Don Hill, gave a report of what is happening in the Union. He reported that he arranged for a speaker on asbestos screening to come to our November 8 meeting. If we have enough interest after that we will arrange for the screeners to come here and screen all plant workers past and present who wish to take part. Please spread the word about this meeting. If we don't have enough for the screening we might offer the chance to other local industry workers.

Don also told us there is no one on lay off now since those on layoff passed the two year mark and were let go. A few workers are on light duty. Equipment is being updated. If you need an ATV tire you can go online to order or you could call the plant. Negotiations can start as of Sept. 16 but no date has been set yet.

For our December meeting we will have our traditional potluck. Ham sandwiches will be provided by the fellowship donations.

A motion was made to discontinue the cash attendance prize. It did not bring new members to the meeting as hoped. We will consider other ideas, such as only those attending have their name in the drawing.

VEBA trustees had a phone meeting. Jerry had some problems with his phone so he missed some of the discussions. Prescription cost continues to rise and until better methods of containing these costs happen premiums or copays will go up.

During our November and December meetings we will collect toys and cash for the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots. Wayne will set up a day for a gate drop at the plant.

Pete Buehler and Marty Lydon passed away recently. Leo Patterson updated us on the murder trial of the death of Paul Good in Wyoming.

We adjourned at 2:30 p.m. A fellowship time followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt, Secretary