

SOAR meeting
Oct. 8, 2013
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.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given. Larry Dyson reported on plans for the Retiree's picnic. It was decided to have the picnic on May 18 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jane Addams Community Center. The club will pay for the rent of the building, the meat and provide beverages. The members will be asked to bring a dish to share of either a dessert or a vegetable dish. All are asked to donate or ask for donations from businesses for prizes for the Bingo games.

The nominations committee would like to hear from anyone interested in serving on the board. We are in need of a Vice President at this time. Call Larry Dyson (815)789-4751 or Wayne Komprood (815)266-3931 if interested.

In November Jerry will speak about the open enrollment for health benefits and the new Medicare Advantage program that will be offered next year. Jerry feels the Affordable Health Care Act will help keep VEBA solvent for a longer time.

A motion was made and seconded to give \$50 each to Mary Meier, FACC, SRC transportation and Hospice as our year end donations and for Mary's extra work that she does for the retirees. The motion passed. The checks will be mailed in November.

A motion was made and seconded to collect toys or money for the Salvation Army's Christmas gifts for kids. The toys should be new and unwrapped with a limit of \$20. We will need them by November 12. The motion passed.

Our speakers for today were Scott Marshall, District 7 coordinator for SOAR and on the International Executive Board, and Victor Storino, who serves on the Alliance for American Manufacturing Board. Scott says there are 28 SOAR chapters in District 7 and that not all are affiliated with an active Local. To keep the SOAR chapters strong we need to include not only retired Steelworkers but other unions' retirees also. You do not have to be either a Steelworker or even a Union retiree to be a part of SOAR. SOAR members need to fight for all workers not just those who are members of a union. Victor Storino asked us to write to our Congresswoman and men about two bills before the House. One is in regard to Currency manipulation(HR1276) and the other about buying American goods(HR949). Both of these bills would help keep jobs in America.

We adjourned at 2:50 p.m. for a fellowship time.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt
Secretary