

SOAR Meeting minutes

Oct. 14, 2014

Vice President Wayne Komprood called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken and all were present except President Jerry Redington and Trustee Larry Dyson.

President Dale Sandell of Local 745 gave the news from the Local. The plant now has 325 employees. Tire orders are down. Lots of overtime with the reduced labor force. The school unit is working out details on the use of Ipads to record the work of students and therefore paraeducators too. The Valspar paint unit has 37 members.

The 50th Anniversary fourth quarter celebration will be Nov. 16 with a steak dinner. Meat, potatoes and beverages will be provided. Attendees are asked to make reservations beforehand and bring a dish to share.

The next Rubber Ball issue should be out soon. If you have email this can be a quicker way of receiving the issue and more cost effective for the Union. A new drain field will be developed to hopefully solve the water problems during heavy rains.

A check to the International for SOAR dues was sent in May but never cashed. Geri Hendren and Dale Sandell are trying to solve the issue. Dues are due each January and the cost is \$12.

Geri looked into costs for updating the Memorial Board and for a new one in memory of Spouses that were members. The company in Lena had the best prices at \$2 per metal plate and \$3.50 for a plate with engraving. Wayne is making the board out of cherry wood and the same size as the old one.

For the 50th Anniversary steak dinner those whose last name starts with A through G will bring a dessert and H-Z salad or vegetable. We will eat at 12:30 p.m.

A question about Life Insurance provided for plant retirees was asked. Mary Meier or Tony Balsamo would have the information. Jerry Redington would know also but not here today. We will ask Tony to come to the meeting to answer questions.

SOAR and the Local will again collect toys or cash for the Salvation Army Toy collection. Volunteers are needed for the gate drop at the plant. If you bring a toy it should be about \$15 in cost and not wrapped. The collection will be made at the November meeting.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party. Bring a dish to share.

The ad in the paper about people who worked at Kellys is a lawsuit. You probably won't want to reply.

The one pound jars of honey door prizes were won by Jerry Miller and John Commons. The attendance prize name was Glen Tommin who was not here. \$5 will be added to the pot for next meeting.

Tina's birthday will be Dec. 8 and she will bring a cake for the December meeting.

We adjourned at 2:40 p.m. with a fellowship time following.