

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of May 5, 2010 The Hilltop Restaurant, Madison

ARC President, Chuck Pils, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

48 paid members and guests were present.

The meal was \$12.00

The raffle was not held

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harms way.

The minutes of the April Meeting were read by Jim Miller and approved.

Financial Report

The opening balance was \$1783.11

We collected \$48 from the lunch proceeds

We collected \$4.00 from new members

Expenses were: \$42 to Dave Croft for name labels
\$75 to Linda Meyer for Wilbur Stites memorial (check # 1964)

The closing balance is \$1,718.11.

Guests and New Members

There were no new guests

Attending their 2nd meetings, Steve Fix and Randy Case were voted in as new members.

Frank and Miller Report (Wisconsin Coalition of Annuity)

Ed reported SWIB to be cautiously optimistic about the remainder of this year. To avoid another 'take back' Core Fund need to rise 14.2-15.4%. Variable needs a rise of only 8% to get a small increase.

Jim reported there are 5 Ex-Con Groups in Wi. He and Ed attended the Green Bay Coalition in an outreach program. There were 26 meeting attendees that day, compared to a usual complement of a half dozen. Our Chapter dues is the best deal of all the Groups.

WCOA annual meeting is June 10 at American Family building on the east side of Madison. Registration is \$30.

There is to be an election of the Public Employees Representative to the ETF Board. It was recommended that the current Rep be replaced by a Rep from our Group.

A report on the Wisconsin Retirement System is now available online at www.legis.state.wi.us.lc. There is also an ETF website and a SWIB website.

Paul Didier thanked Ed Frank and Jim Miller for keeping the Group informed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Linda Meyer reminded us that May is the traditional time to honor Ingeborg Sidwell, our pension system heroine.

Death and Illness

Gordon Landphier has returned to the Waunakee Manor Nursing Home after a stint in the hospital. The prognosis is not good. Gordy welcomes visitors.

Jim Flanigan, a warden in NW District, passed away last week..

Nancy Diebold is recovering well from serious back surgery.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jon Heinrich is now 61!

Rudy Nigel will be 77 on May 9.

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Guest Speaker

none

Trips

Jon Heinrich reported on his trip to the Island of Hispanola, shared by Haiti and The Dominican Republic. He told us to visit the monument to Christopher Columbus and not to eat MaFango, the National Dish.

Jokes

Paul Didier read a Senility Prayer... we all identified with parts of this poem.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

The next meeting is June 2 at the Imperial Gardens..

Minutes recorded by Doris Rusch

