

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Minutes of September 6, 2017
Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President Laurel Steffes. Thirty five members were in attendance. Minutes are provided by Bruce Chevis for this meeting.

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 August 2nd meeting were read and approved as presented.

Financial Report:

Savings balance is \$223.91 and the checking balance is \$972.22 with an additional \$42 to be deposited from a reimbursement from Vintage Restaurant for an over-charge at the August 2nd meeting. Linda Netzer was thanked for following up with the restaurant to secure the \$42.

Guests and New Members:

No guests present but Ron Arneson was present for his second meeting and was unanimously voted into the organization.

' Frank & Miller Report':

Was presented by Jim Miller. Overall the trends are good so far.

There may be some savings in health care costs but there will likely be fewer insurance providers. Everyone will find a provider, but some of us will have to change companies. No significant rate increases are expected.

ETF pension: the Core Fund made 9.6% and the Veritable Fund 13.3% for July. Both figures are close to the bench marks set by ETF. If things go as foreseen, there should be a slight increase in our pensions next May.

Legislative Report:

In the latest action of Joint Finance Committee, the Forestry Mill Tax appears to be gone and the Stewardship Fund may be relegated to scholarship status.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Deaths & Illnesses:

Ron Martin, biologist in the water program

Jim Widder, forester in Dodgeville area

Milt Dickman, northern region

Olly Williams, Middleton

Dick North's wife

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Cliff Germain - 90

Roy Lembcke - 74

Ron Poff – 83

Paul Didier celebrating 59 years of marriage

Laurel & Dick Steffes celebrating 46 years of marriage

Trips:

Floyd Becraft visited the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, Ohio

Marshall Ruegger visited his son's brewery in Hayesville, NC

Dick Steffes is in Bangkok, Thailand

Bruce and Pati Chevis vacationed in Portugal, Morocco, and the Pyrenees of Spain

Dan Fields just returned from an Alaskan inside passage cruise with his new Fiance

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.