

SOAR

Dec. 13, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Vice President Rich Hofmaster called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken and all present except for Trustee Gary Kraft. The office of president and secretary remain vacant.

Susan Walt read the minutes from the November meeting. They were approved as read.

Ron Ethridge, treasurer, reported that we have \$2710.29.

Rich Hofmaster reported that the lights for the flag have been installed and the new flag flown.

Joann Komprood passed away this month. She and Wayne have been hard workers for SOAR.

Todd, our field rep, spoke to us about his work for the union. He has 21 locations and this past year had a lot of negotiations. Wages have risen in the new contracts. Turnover is a problem here at Titan. International has been working hard on organizing plants. Gadsden, Alabama plant has closed. Rich stated that our goal this year is to increase attendance. Anyone have a suggestion on how to do this?

Rich hopes to have programs that retirees would find helpful and interesting.

Our next meeting in January Ron will be collecting \$12 dues. Please try to have the correct amount. Jerry Redington talked about the Stephenson county nursing home, Walnut Acres. The county board has talked about selling it but many people in Stephenson County feel it is an import asset. Many older residents can't afford the for profit homes. This is a service to our citizens. The home should not be a money maker but of course we don't want it to be extremely costly to the citizens either.

We adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and enjoyed a social time. Thanks Diane for providing this.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt acting Secretary