

SOAR Minutes
Jan. 11, 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 President Jerry Redington.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

Ron Ethridge, Treasurer, gave his report. Dues were collected for 2022 and will be collected next meeting also. The dues are \$12 per year. A check for \$1244 was written for the money collected for the Salvation Army Toy drive. Toys and the check were delivered to the Salvation Army after our December meeting by Ron and Diane Ethridge and Susan Walt. We took a short tour of the selection of toys to be distributed. The money we contributed was used for bikes and for other items for older kids. Any extra money will be used for coats.

Richard Gross has accepted the nomination as trustee to replace Shirley Duchow. A motion was made for Richard Gross to be the new trustee, seconded and passed.

It was announced that Jerry Redington's brother passed away after a long illness. Rick Kreeger is in the hospital in Tampa, Florida. Dan said he had visited with him recently.

Kip Kuhlmeier, President of the Local, discussed the negotiations and accepting of the new contract with Titan. It is a 3 year contract and the wages will go up 3.5% each year. The general feeling was that the contract was a good one.

It was decided to continue to have meetings even though our attendance is low. Today we had 10 people but many people head south this time of year and anyone driving a long distance may want to avoid the cold. Also many are avoiding gatherings because of the omicron variant.

Rich brought some of his bird pictures that he has taken. He will try to give a program on his pictures and the camera club. Earlier he was to give this program but had trouble with the projector. He will see if he can conquer the problem.

Next meeting Feb. 8th.

Adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt