

Soar meeting  
Jan. 8, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

Vice President Wayne Komprood called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken with Jerry Redington and Shirley Duchow not present.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved as read. Thank you notes were received from Ramp and the Senior Resource Center for the \$50 donation we gave each of them.

The Treasurer gave her report and announced that \$1020 was donated to Salvation Army for Christmas toys plus some toys were also given. An article and photo was in the Journal Standard about the presentation of the money and toys. Thanks to those who took everything to the Salvation Army and also to all those who donated. Dues of \$12 were collected today for 2019. If you did not pay today please do so at the February meeting.

Wayne introduced Ethan from State Line Solar. Ethan's company installed Wayne's solar panel last summer. He told us about the tax credits and incentives if you install solar here in Illinois. Wayne's solar panels are already producing electricity especially when we have had sunny days. Each installation is different because of where you put the panels, how much electricity you use, and whether you have trees or other objects that would throw a shadow. There were many questions from the audience which Ethan answered. Since Ethan owns the company, installs the panels and calculates your requirements, he is very knowledgeable about the whole process.

Todd Hastings, President of Local 745, says the new farm bill has been positive for the farm tire industry. There was hiring in December and should have more hiring this spring.

No one has received any pay outs from the Asbestos funds.

We adjourned at 2:15. Fellowship time followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Walt  
Secretary